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PROPOSED MOTOR TAXATION.

STRONG CRITICISM BY CAR AGENT.

HORSE-POWER TAX AIMED AT AMERICAN CARS?

PETROL TAX ENOUGH.

Strong criticism of the proposed new motor taxes was voiced by a prominent representative of the motor industry in Hongkong in the course of an interview accorded to the *Telegraph* this morning.

"The idea of a petrol tax is all right," said the gentleman interviewed. "It is a hundred per cent. fair, because you pay as you use, and there can be nothing more reasonable than that."

Regarding the suggested horse-power tax, the opinion was expressed that this would be iniquitous. "It is possibly the thin end of the wedge," remarked our informant. "True, it is only $2 now, but before we are finished with it may be $10."

Too Much of Good Thing.

Asked what he considered would be the fairest method of taxation, the reply given was:—"I should not object to a reasonable licence fee, which, however, should be uniform in the case of all passenger cars, with an appropriate petrol tax as well. The present system of licence fees, with its various classifications, is not a good one. There is certainly no reason for loading the motorist with a petrol tax and a horse-power tax; that's too much of a good thing."

It was also mentioned that the proposed new system of taxation appears to be the commencement of discrimination against American cars, the majority of which, in Hongkong, were higher-powered than British.

Bulk of Motorists Hit.

Stress was laid on the point, in this connexion, that for its price the American car was more suitable to Hongkong than the British car, and as the proportion of American cars in use in Hongkong is very high, the imposition of both a petrol tax and a horse-power tax would hit the great bulk of the motoring community.

"Of course," said our informant, "the American cars would pay more in petrol tax than the British, but that would only be fair, as, being bigger, they are responsible for greater wear of the road, but to put on a horse-power tax as well would be hitting the motorist twice."

Petrol Tax Yield?

"I don't know how much the Government expects to get from the petrol tax," remarked the gentleman interviewed, "but I should say it would come to a tremendous sum, which, plus a reasonable licence fee, should be sufficient."

In regard to the figures given showing that road maintenance last year was heavily in excess of the amount received from motor licences, the view was expressed that there was no legitimate reason why the car-owner should be expected to pay for the upkeep of roads used by the general public.

It was pointed out in this connexion that in the Philippines there is what is known as a Cedula Tax, under which every man, woman and child contributes to road upkeep; it does not matter whether a man has a car or not, he uses the road and is, therefore, expected to pay his share.

Truck Damage.

Another point mentioned was that, in the figures given in the report of the Hongkong Committee, no mention had been made of the income from rickshs and coolie truck licences. "These coolie trucks," said our informant, "do more harm, with their iron tyres, than any three-ton motor truck with pneumatic tyres."

Approval was expressed of the proposed heavy tax on solid-tyred motor trucks, which is fully justified. The opinion was also ventured that Hongkong might with advantage follow the American system of having licence plate numbers of distinctive colour every year, which would make it easy to ascertain whether the licence had been paid.

PIRATE ROUND-UP NEAR SHANGHAI.

PIRATES PUT UP FOUR-HOUR BATTLE WITH TROOPS.

MOST DARING ESCAPE.

Shanghai, May 2.

A graphic description of a remarkable battle between a large gang of pirates and forces acting under the direction of the Shanghai Defence Commissioner, has been disclosed for the first time to-day.

The struggle took place on Monday and it seemed when the authorities plans had developed that the pirate gang was cornered beyond hope of escape, but they made a daring burst through naval forces operating with those on land, and the majority got clear away.

The pirate boats, manned by approximately a hundred desperadoes, have been operating against small craft in the Woosung district for some time past. The authorities got wind of their whereabouts and a careful plan of attack was drawn up, police and soldiers approaching the scene by land, while naval boats co-operated.

The pirate gang was surrounded, the scene of the affair being Hsiaomloahung, a few miles from Woosung. They put up a fierce resistance and fighting continued for four hours. Eventually, when the land forces had decided to launch a massed attack on the pirate defence, the gang took to the boats, and made a daring escape, cutting through a circle of Chinese gunboats and eluding pursuit.

The bodies of ten pirates were found afterwards, and it is thought that other losses were sustained on the boats.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

AUSTRALIAN AIR TRAGEDY.

DEAD BODIES OF AIRMEN SEARCHERS FOUND.

LAND PARTY'S REPORT

Sydney, May 1.

The land party which set out from Wave Hill to locate the derelict "Kookaburra," Lieut. Keith Anderson's machine has arrived at the scene, and found poignant confirmation of the inferences drawn when the stranded machine was investigated from the air.

The dead body of Anderson's companion, Lieut. Hitcock was found under the wing of the machine, while Keith Anderson's body was discovered about forty yards away.

The story of the tragedy is difficult to reconstruct, though there can be no doubt that the men died from lack of food and water.

Anderson and Hitchcock set out in search of the missing "Southern Cross" with her crew of four, and themselves were stranded in the desert wastes of Western Australia. The machine came down miles out of the course it was anticipated it would take, hence the days of fruitless searching before an A.A.F. airman came across the derelict by accident.—*Reuter.*

JAPAN SOCIETY'S GIFTS.

DUKE OF GLOUCESTER TO PRESENT TO-DAY.

London, May 1.

The Japan Society in London, which for over thirty years has been a social meeting ground for British and Japanese, has offered to the Imperial University at Tokyo a gold medal, struck at the Royal Mint, to be awarded annually to the student who submits the best essay on some subject connected with the study of the English language or literature.

The medal will to-morrow be presented by the Duke of Gloucestor to the Imperial University.

The Society is also presenting to the University 250 handsome volumes of Shakespearean studies, in recognition of Japanese appreciation of Shakespeare, a complete translation of whose works into Japanese has been accomplished by Dr. Tsubouchi.—*British Wireless.*

NEW MOTOR ROAD PROPOSED.

GARDEN, BOWEN AND MAY ROADS.

MOUNTAIN LODGE PROJECT NOW ABANDONED.

TO-DAY'S PUBLIC VOTES

Thirteen votes totalling $114,782 are to come before the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council this afternoon.

The most interesting of these is a vote for $57,000 expected to be spent this year on a proposed new road connecting Garden and Bowen Roads with May Road, the expenditure being met from balance of savings effected by the abandonment of the proposed motor road to Mountain Lodge, H.E. the Governor's summer residence. The total cost of the road is expected to be $108,000.

1928 Items.

Four of the items are in respect of the 1928 Estimates. These are as follows:—$4,506 for transport of Government servants, the supplementary vote taken on December 17th, 1928, having proved to be insufficient.

$1,165 for rent allowances to senior officers, the supplementary estimate of November last having fallen short of actual expenditure by this sum.

$1,350 for Crown Agents' commission, due to the volume of business passing through the Crown Agents being greater than anticipated.

$833 in respect of a charitable pension of £52 per annum granted for the benefit of the widow of the late Sergeant Glendinning.

Votes under the 1929 Estimates are as follows:

$500 to purchase literature on public health and preventive medicine in connexion with the reorganisation of the Medical and Sanitary Departments.

New Motor Road.

$57,000 for proposed road connecting Garden Road and Bowen Road with May Road.

In order to provide proper facilities for motor vehicles to reach May Road, a proposed motor road has been planned to connect this level to Garden Road (at the junction of Bowen Road) by a route approximately on the line of the existing Magazine Gap Road.

The total cost is estimated at $108,000. The scheme has been approved by the Public Works Committee.

A vote of the above amount is requested to cover this year's expenditure. The balance will be included in the 1930 Draft Estimates. The amount to be expended this year represents the balance of the savings effected by the abandonment of the proposed motor road to Mountain Lodge.

The above is to be met from savings under Road to Mountain Lodge.

Masks For Firemen.

$500 for rescue apparatus for the Fire Brigade. A sum for this amount was provided in the Estimates for Ori nasal masks, but a more suitable mask has now been placed on the market, and it is proposed to order two peroxide sets in place of the former vote, which will lapse.

$3,000 for the League of Nations Health Organisation Bureau, the sum for which was included in the 1928 Estimates but could not be paid by the Crown Agents in time.

$16,000 for an extension of 20 stalls at Shamshuipo Market. The contract for this work was not signed until September 6th, 1928, and in consequence only a comparatively small expenditure had been incurred by the end of the year.

Peak Hospital Wiring.

$2,200 for renewing electrical wiring at the Peak Hospital.

The old electrical wiring at the Peak Hospital is reported to be in a dangerous condition and should be renewed.

The amount voted in the Estimates ($10,000) is fully allocated in renewing electrical wiring at the Maternity Block, Government Civil Hospital, Harbour Office and certain quarters at Victoria Gaol. A supplementary vote is therefore requested.

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TENSE SITUATION IN NANKING.

FENG'S RESIDENCE CLOSELY GUARDED BY TROOPS.

WAR FEARS GROWING.

Nanking, May 1.

The strained relations between Marshals Chiang Kai-shek and Feng Yu-hsiang continue, and it is reliably reported that by order of the National Government the Nanking residence of Feng Yu-hsiang and the Ministry of War, in which Feng is the Chief Administrator, are being closely by guarded by troops.

The simultaneous enforcement of Martial Law at Suchowfu, Soochow (in Kiangsu) and the concentration of a large force of Nanking troops in the capital have resulted in a tense situation, similar to the position in Nanking some weeks ago when Chiang Kai-shek detained Li Chai-sum at Tangshan and disarmed all the Wuhan troops in Nanking.

It is generally believed that a war between Feng and the Nanking Government would involve North China and possibly Manchuria in turmoil, as already Marshal Yen Hsi-shan, of Shansi, Peking and Tientsin, has received instructions from Nanking ordering him to be in readiness to mobilise troops concentrating at Shinchiachwang.

An unconfirmed report from Peking gives an alarming statement to the effect that General Chang Hsueh-liang, head of the Manchurian Government, who has not been taking an active part in politics in China Proper for some time since his retirement into Manchuria from Peking, has dispatched a strong force to Shankaikwan "to watch the movements of Marshal Yen Hsi-shan."

If this report is true, is it difficult to perceive the motive behind the action of the Manchurian leader, for, by surface indications, Marshal Yen Hsi-shan appears to be on quite friendly terms with Manchuria.

AUSTRALIAN COAL INDUSTRY.

GOVERNMENT WASHES HANDS OF DISPUTE.

Sydney, May 1.

It is learned that the dissatisfied miners at Newcastle, New South Wales, having rejected all the Governments proposals for the settlement of the coal industry dispute, it has been decided to intervene no further.

The Ministry responsible will, therefore, leave the Union and the employers to settle the matter between themselves.

The parties have been deadlocked for a fortnight, and the prospect of a settlement is not bright.—*Reuter.*

NEW CHINESE R. C. BISHOP.

MGR. TCHANG CONSECRATED IN ROME.

Rome, May 1.

Mgr. Tchang, the new Chinese Bishop, was consecrated at Rome to-day, leaving soon after the ceremony for China. He is travelling via Siberia, and is accompanied by Mgr. Vandyck, the Apostolic Vicar of Sulyuan.

Mgr. Tchang's family have been Roman Catholic for three generations, and three of his sisters are nuns.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH CAPITAL ISSUES.

ENORMOUS TOTAL FOR PAST YEAR.

London, May 1.

Statistics compiled by the Midland Bank show that new capital issues, excluding British Government loans raised directly for national purposes, amounted during the year ending April 30th to the enormous sum of £389,565,000.—*British Wireless.*

PITCHED BATTLE IN BERLIN.

GRAVE MAY DAY RIOTS AFTER DARK.

POLICE CHARGE BARRICADES FOR SOME HOURS.

HEAVY CASUALTIES.

Berlin, May 1.

Incited by Communist agitators who have been active for days, a huge mob indulged in serious rioting in Berlin this evening, as the result of which six persons were killed, including three police officers, and over 80 were wounded.

After an anxious day, which passed off comparatively quietly owing to the drastic precautions taken by the police, it was not anticipated tha an outbreak of serious dimensions would develop, but when night had fallen, a huge mob of working-class inhabitants of Northern Berlin, numbering several thousands, and armed with firearms, clubs and heavy stones, gathered together and made an organised rush from the side streets towards the main throughfare, Pankstrasse.

Grave Affair.

Nothing could stop the concerted rush, which had been carefully planned, and the situation was grave for some hours. Police reinforcements were rushed to the scene, and heavy fighting ensued.

The rioters quickly threw up barricades made from street-repairing material, and placing it across the street, prepared for the police charge with their revolvers, etc.

Extraordinary scenes followed, and the amazing thing is that the casualty list was not higher.

Police Open Fire.

The officer in charge of the police of the area found he had approximately 500 men with which to break up the affair. He recognised that this force faced by thousands of angry rioters was likely to be overwhelmed in a hand to hand encounter, and ordered the police to open fire on the mob.

Fighting developed rapidly, sharpshooters entering the premises in the street and firing at the police from high levels. The police adopted similar tactics in their effort to quel the disturbance, while the police carried out series of charges at the barricades.

Armoured Car Used.

The police only broke through the defences of the rioters after hours of grim fighting, and with the aid of an armoured car and searchlights. Further police reinforcements came up from time to time and eventually the crowd gave way.

Hundreds of arrests were made, one of the men detained being an avowed Communist, who was caught just as he was leaving a house with a white flag in one hand and a revolver in the other.

Heavy Police Casualties.

The police casualties were three killed, and more than twenty wounded. The full extent of the Communist casualties is unknown, though many of the victims of the affair were found lying in the street after the armoured car had broken through the barricades.

Fighting has also taken place this evening in the Eastern and South-Eastern districts of the city, which were plunged into darkness by the orders of the police. The battle in these districts was much less severe, and the list of casualties is not yet available.

Later.

Rioting has now ceased.—*Reuter.*

Other Capitals Escape.

London, May 1.

The May Day procession to Hyde Park was the smallest for many years.

It is learned that the Labour demonstrations in Oslo were delayed until the evening, when they were held indoors, while those at Stockholm were postponed until May 5th, both owing to bad weather.

The strong preventive measures taken by the Paris police also had the desired effect, and the proceedings passed off quietly, though

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BRITISH WARSHIP CONSTRUCTION.

LABOUR M.P. SUGGESTS CUTS IN PROGRAMME.

PREMATURE ACTION?

London, May 1.

A suggestion that the British naval construction programme should be delayed was made in the House of Commons to-day, by Commander Kenworthy (Lab.) who asked the First Lord of the Admiralty whether, in view of the proposals for naval limitations and reductions made at Geneva by Mr. Hugh Gibson, of the United States' delegation, it was proposed to retard the present programme of warship construction in Britain.

Mr. W. C. Bridgeman replied that the work on ships now being built would proceed. It was not, however, proposed to lay down the ships of the 1929 programme until towards the end of the financial year.

Commander Kenworthy asked whether it would not be advisable to delay further expenditure on ships until we knew where we stood as regards the future.

Mr. Bridgeman said he thought it would be premature to take any steps yet. He was opposed to taking action prematurely as it would not only not improve our chances of agreement, but would disturb works in the dockyards.

Replying to a question whether the Government proposed to recommence the naval conversations with America and Japan interrupted at Geneva in 1927, Mr. G. Locker-Lampson, Foreign Under-Secretary, said the Government was studying the suggestion of Mr. Gibson. When full proposals were available, they would proceed in the way seeming to offer best possibilities of success.—*Reuter.*

MILITARY MEDICAL CONGRESS.

PRINCE OF WALES TO ATTEND BIG RECEPTION.

THOUSAND DELEGATES

London, May 1.

One of the most important of the forthcoming engagments of the Prince of Wales will be a reception at St. James's Palace on Monday evening to the distinguished doctors who will come to London to attend the International Congress on Military Medicine and Pharmacy.

The Congress will have a membership of nearly one thousand doctors, dentists or pharmacists who belong to, or have belonged to the armed forces or to organisations connected with military medical services.

Forty different nations will be represented.

The Congress developed out of the custom of pooling the medical experience of the Allied Armies during the War. It has already been held in Brussels, Paris, Rome and Warsaw. The Congress in London is the fifth.

Sir Laming Worthington Evans, War Minister, will open the congress, and one of the first subjects to be discussed will be the extremely modern problem of removing sick and wounded by air.—*British Wireless.*

MAWSON ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION.

ROYAL VISIT TO THE "DISCOVERY."

London, May 1.

The Dominions Offices announce that the Duke and Duchess of York will pay a visit of inspection to the Royal Research ship "Discovery," which is at present lying at West India Docks, to-morrow afternoon.

Their Royal Highnesses will be conducted over the ship by Sir Douglas Mawson, the leader of the expedition, to the Antartic, for which the "Discovery" is now being reconditioned.

Mr. Amery, Dominions Secretary, the High Commissioner for Australia, and a representative of the High Commissioner for New Zealand will also be present.—*British Wireless.*

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER.

WONDERFUL WELCOME AT YOKOHAMA.

PRINCE CHICHIBU AWAITS ARRIVAL OF SUFFOLK.

LANDING CEREMONY.

Yokohama, May 2.

Seven years ago H.R.H. the Prince of Wales stepped ashore at the Yokohama that was, a year later, to be levelled to the dust by one of the greatest seismic disasters in history. This morning, his brother, Prince Henry, Duke of Gloucester, bearing the insignia of the Most Noble Order of the Garter for presentation to the Emperor of Japan, landed at the re-constructed port city which has now risen Phoenix-like from its ashes.

Long before the cruiser H.M.S. Suffolk, bearing the Prince and members of his suite, hove into sight, huge crowds of spectators had gathered at every vantage point along the sea front.

Distinguished Gathering.

On the pier at which he was to land, a large and distinguished assemblage of Japanese notables, together with the British Ambassador and members of his staff and numbers of British residents for whose accommodation special arrangements had been made, were present awaiting his arrival.

The weather was bright and the sea calm as, accompanied by an escort of Japanese warships, the Suffolk at last loomed into view. A thunderous salute of guns from the Japanese men-of-war assembled to greet the royal visitor broke out upon the morning air.

Greeted by Prince Chichibu.

Contrary to original plans, the Suffolk went alongside the wharf and tied up at 8.15 a.m. Prince Chichibu, the Heir Presumptive to the Japanese Throne, Sir John Tilley and others immediately went on board to greet the Royal Visitor.

After a short interval, the Duke stepped ashore, and the strains of "God Save the King," played by a naval band on the pier, swelled forth, the Japanese Guard-of-Honour presented arms, and all present stood to attention, while the Prince himself stood rigidly at the salute.

Addresses of Welcome.

Then followed an inspection of the Guard-of-Honour and the presentation of the members of the British Embassy staff, with each of whom the royal visitor shook hands and exchanged a few words. Following on this came the presentation of various Japanese notables and others, and addresses of welcome by the Mayor of the city and by a representative of the British community.

All this being completed, the Prince and his suite, accompanied by the two Japanese Princes and other Japanese and British officials, boarded the royal train, which was drawn up on the pier waiting to take them to Tokyo.

On the front of the engine were the crossed flags of Britain and Japan and, as the train drew slowly out, thousands of school children, who had been assembled together for the purpose, burst into cheers and waved little flags on small bamboo sticks as they piped out their shrill greeting. The presentation of the Garter to the Emperor of Japan takes place to-morrow at Tokyo.—*Reuter.*

BANDIT RAID ON BANK.

NEARLY LAKH OF DOLLARS SEIZED.

Shanghai, May 2.

Sensational reports have reached here of an attack by bandits on the Kashing branch of the Bank of China.

In all, a hundred bandits took part in the affair, and it was at first reported that the amount which they took away was $170,000. The figure is, however, now put at $95,000.

The manager was shot between the eyes by the intruders, but it is expected that, despite his injury, he will survive.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

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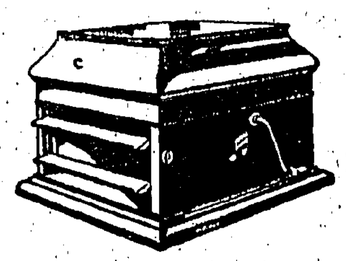

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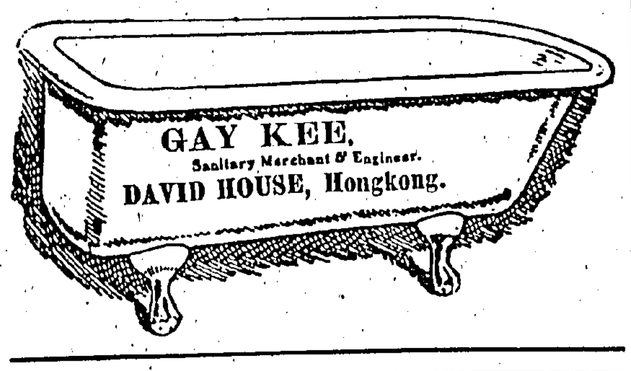

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CONVENTIONAL THEORY OF CAUSE MODIFIED.

In the first number of the Hongkong University Engineering *Journal*, Mr. T. F. Claxton, F.R.A.S., Director of the Royal Observatory, contributes an interesting article on the subject of "Typhoons in the Far East," in which he explains that they are, in their general features, the same as the hurricanes of the West Indies and the cyclones of the Bay of Bengal and the South-Indian Ocean.

Mr. Claxton points out that much has been written on the origin of these impressive manifestations of nature's forces, that much of what was formerly accepted as truth, has been challenged by recent investigators, and that the old conventional theory of their origin has been modified and supplemented in the light of modern investigation.

Cyclones, he says, are caused by the rotation of the earth on its axis. By the aid of tables and charts he continues to explain the essential technical facts. Regarding the tracks made by these storms he says:

If the tracks of typhoons in the Far East for the past 30 years were plotted on a chart, practically the whole of the ocean area would be covered by them, and a certain part of the land area; though generally speaking, typhoons break up on reaching China. A few survive, however, and emerge into the ocean again on a N. E. track. Though such a map would at first sight appear to be a confused mass of lines, closer inspection would reveal three principal stream lines. One from the east of the Philippines sweeping over the Loochoos and Japan; another from a little to the north-west of the above origin towards the south-east coast of China; and a third from a little to the south of the second origin over the Philippines towards the coast between Pakhoi and Tourane.

As regards the weather during the approach of a typhoon perhaps the most striking feature is the fine weather experienced at Hongkong from the time the centre reaches the Philippines until it approaches to within about 200 miles of Hongkong. This seems to be the one guide to weather forecasting in Hongkong which never fails. No matter what the weather conditions to the north or west of Hongkong may be, with a typhoon crossing Luzon in the summer months there will be fine weather at Hongkong.

Rain usually commences when the centre is about 200 miles from Hongkong. But when the centre passes to the south on a westerly track it frequently happens, particularly in the autumn, that no rain falls at Hongkong even though the centre passes as near as 200 miles.

LOCAL RADIO.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast from the Government Broadcasting station Z.B.W. on 350 metres.

1.48 p.m. Weather report.

5.30-6.30 p.m. Programme of Chinese music, (Victor records supplied through the courtesy of Messrs. Music World Co.).

7.48 p.m. Evening weather report.

8 p.m. Evening programme of Chinese music relayed from the Roof Garden of Messrs. Sincere Co., Ltd.

10.30 p.m. Close down.

LUXEMBURG FRACAS.

Luxemburg, May. 1.

Revolvers were used in serious rioting between Italian Fascists and anti-Fascists, following the murder of a man named Arena.

The assailant declares his motive was to avenge his brother-in-law, whom the Fascists murdered, also his brothers, who are imprisoned.—*Reuter.*

A NEW JOURNAL.

UNIVERSITY ENGINEERING SOCIETY PUBLICATION.

A new publication has just been issued in the Colony in the form of a Journal, published by the H. K. University Engineering Society. This is the only engineering journal in South China, and it is hoped, with the support of the graduates from the College of Engineering, to form a strong and permanent connecting link between the past and present members of the Society, and a medium for setting forth the possibilities of development of engineering works in South China.

It is also hoped to make the journal serve as a means of creating and sustaining interest all over the Far East in the work of the Hongkong University.

The first number contains an introductory article from the able pen of H. E. the Governor, and a lengthy but very interesting though technical article by Mr. T. F. Claxton, F.R.A.S., director of the Royal Observatory on "Typhoons in the Far East."

Professor Middleton Smith, Taikoo Professor of Engineering, contributes an article on "The Work Done by Coal and Oil," Mr. S. S. Ahmen one on "Tides and Some Tidal Features in Hongkong," Professor F. A. Redmond one on "The Age Factor in Reinforced Concrete Design." Mr. T. K. Ian contributes some interesting extracts from "The Diary of an Old Student in the Borneo Jungle," and Professor M. H. Roffey, D.S.O., one on "The Student Apprentice Course for Engineering Students."

The introductory article by H. E. the Governor follows:

Engineering in Hongkong and China.

The debt of this Colony to engineers is immense. Engineers have made the level land along the harbour front, where our daily business is transacted, and they have directed the very specialized work of cutting down hills and throwing them into the sea, which is so characteristic of Hongkong. They have made the Peak District accessible to us, both by tramway and by road. They have built the houses in which we live on the tops, at the foot of the hills, and in every nook and cranny of the hillsides, into which a house can be fitted. They have built our wharves and docks, our railways, telegraphs and telephones. They have stored up the water of this Island of Fragrant Streams for the use of its steadily growing population. They have lit up the whole Peak District with electricity, so that at night one hardly knows where the lamps end and the stars begin. In a word, they have made life on this once barren island both healthy and comfortable.

Moreover, the vast foreign trade of China results from the work of engineers. Almost all of it is borne in ships designed, built, worked, docked and kept in repair by engineers. The steam navigation of China's inland waterways is another achievement of engineers; and, especially on the upper Yangtse, the pioneers have surmounted not only difficulties but serious dangers. Railway engineering in China only dates from 1876. It has made great progress, but its future is bound to be greater still; and the day is sure to come when residents in this Colony will take through tickets from Kowloon to Calais, and return tickets at that. Road construction in the European sense is only just beginning in China; but, now that engineers have invented and are continually perfecting the motor car, and seeing what a hold motor transport already has upon the Chinese mind, the pressure of public opinion is likely before long to compel regional authorities to build motor roads in all the Eighteen Provinces. Air-transport in China hardly yet exists; but it is bound to come, and we are already at work on an aerodrome for this Colony. The idea of travelling from Hongkong to Canton in an hour or less is sure to make a strong appeal to business men; and, once airways are established, the flight from Hongkong to many of the great cities of China will only be a matter of one, or at most two days' journey.

Another enormous field for engineering activity in China, scarcely touched at present, is sanitary engineering, in which I include water-works, sewage-works, anti-malarial work, slum improvement, town-planning and the like. Then again, electric light is much desired by Chinese of all classes and, so far as I know, hydro-electric engineering has not yet made a start anywhere in China. There are also telegraphy, telephony, wireless broadcasting and other electrical inventions, of which the exploitation in China has only just begun, but the demand for which is likely to be prodigious.

Therefore, when law and order have been restored in China, the need for engineers is bound to be very great. We in Hongkong can do much to supply this need by training Chinese students in British engineering standards and ideals at the Hongkong University. The generosity of the great firm of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire has endowed the Taikoo Chair of Engineering at that University; but it is for all British engineers and all British engineering firms in this Colony to collaborate in making the Engineering Faculty of the Hongkong University into the signal success which it ought to be. There is a unique opportunity before this Colony of becoming intimately associated with future engineering developments all over China through the medium of young Chinese engineers, who will have been trained in Hongkong and then go into all the eighteen provinces of China, taking with them an affection for their *alma mater* and a true comprehension of the thoroughness and the high ideals of British engineering as well as of the genuine friendship for our Chinese neighbours with which we in this Colony are animated.

Life's Outlook

is always overcast to the man whose nerves are all awry or who suffers habitually from dyspepsia. Cheerlessly he gazes out on the world's activities and pleasures, unable to understand how others can find happiness therein.

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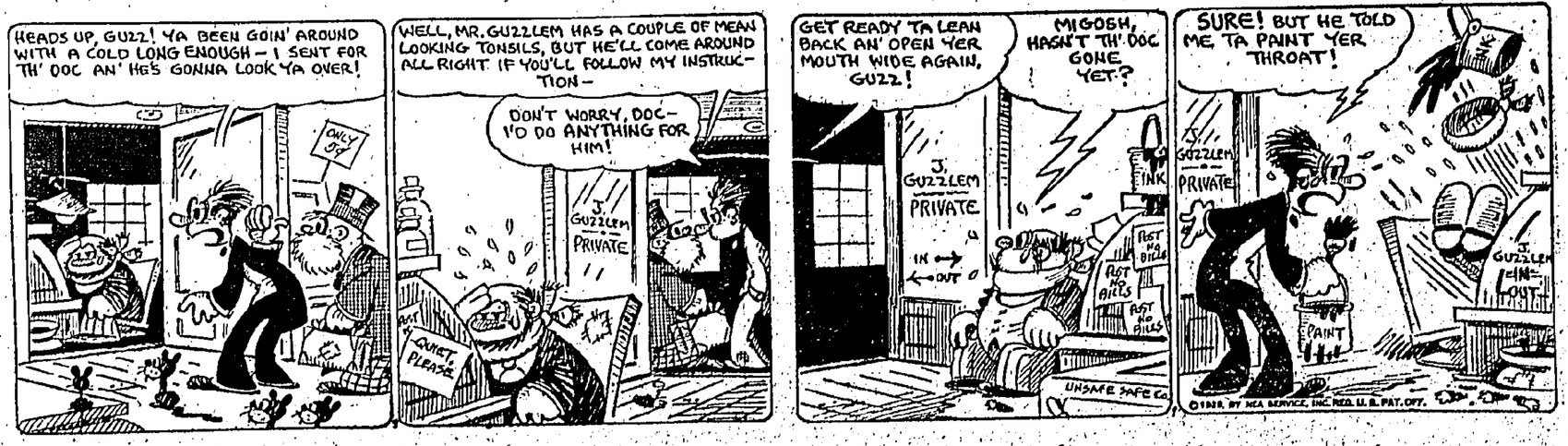
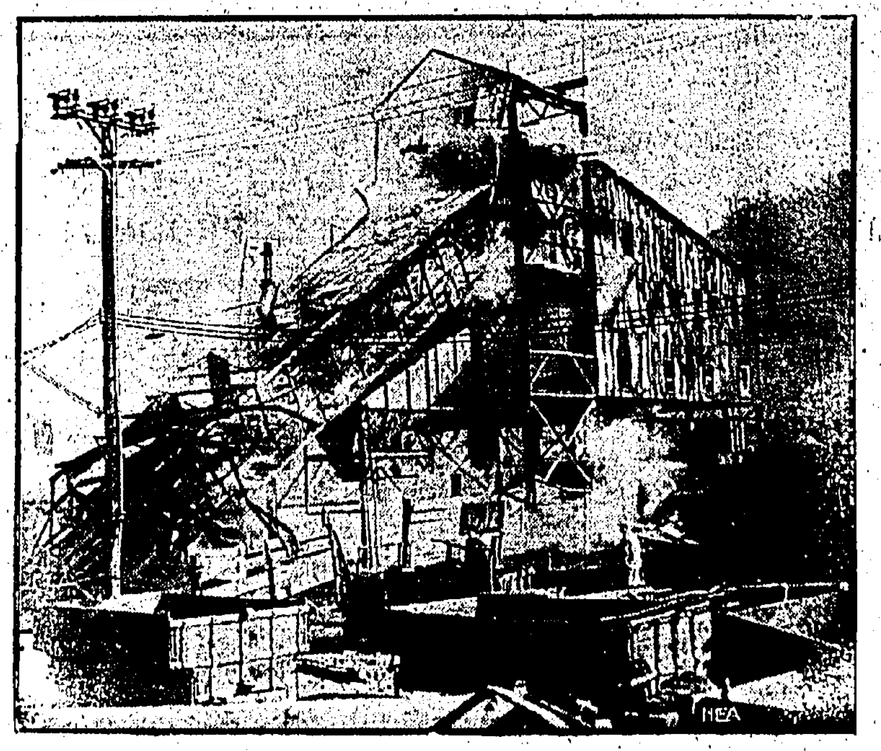


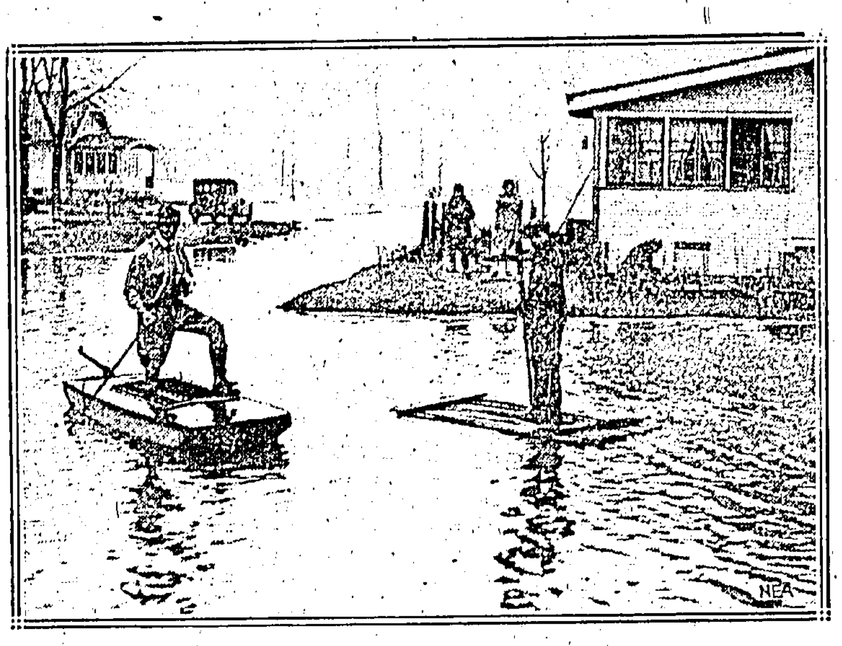


Picture taken soon after the terrible explosion at the Kinloch Mine, Parnassus, Pa., when nearly 300 miners were trapped. It shows the blazing tipple, ignited by the blast.

This picture shows an opening through which the majority of the Kinloch miners escaped. It shows men emerging after five miles tramp through dark passages, the place being miles from the pithead.

Families of miners entombed in the Kinloch Mine disaster anxiously waiting for news of their relatives. The majority were saved.

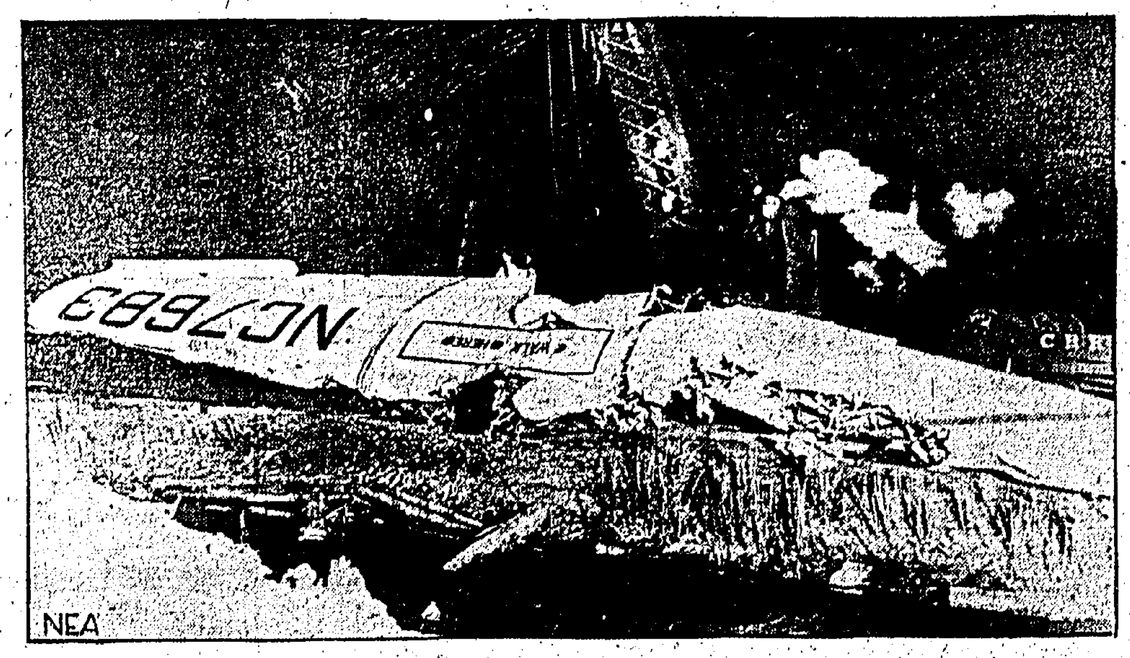
Scene of horror after the recent air smash in New Jersey. The pilot and one passenger of fourteen escaped with their lives.



Wisconsin has been suffering its worst floods for twenty years. All sorts of means of conveyance were adopted.

Rescue workers searching the wreckage of the triple-engined Ford plane which crashed into a freight train recently.

M. Trotsky, exile, photographed in Constantinople recently.



Thirteen persons were killed and two seriously injured in the air crash depicted above. It was the worst disaster in American aviation history. The plane was a tri-motored Ford, and photo shows the wrecked wings, with the fuselage piled into a mass of wreckage against a railway truck.

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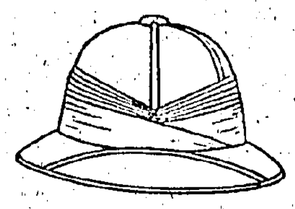

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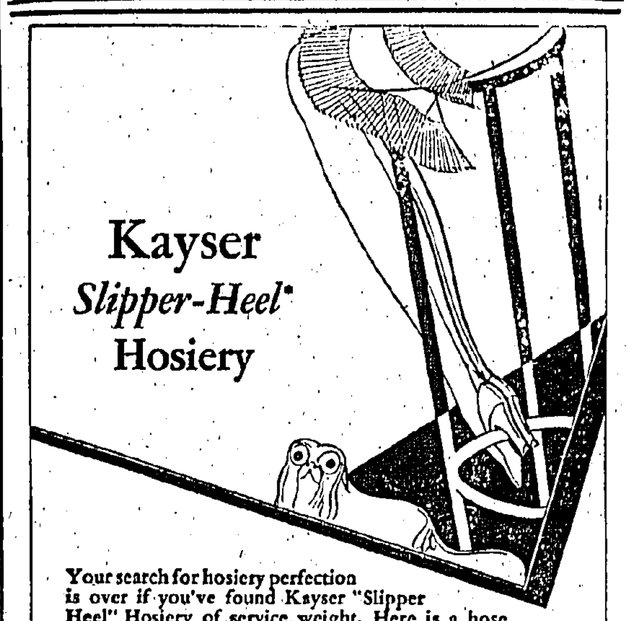
HERBERT R. STURT.
Manager.

Hong Kong, 29th April, 1929.



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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fifth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 18th May and on Monday, 20th May, 1929, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club, and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries will close at 12 o'clock noon on Wednesday, 8th May, 1929.

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General Manager.

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Forty-eight Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on THURSDAY, the 23rd May, 1929, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1928.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 9th to the 23rd May, 1929, both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON AND CO., LTD.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 2nd May, 1929.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.
(Incorporated in Hongkong.)

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 24th May, 1929, at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1928, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 6th May to 24th May, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 1st May, 1929.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.
(Incorporated in Hongkong.)

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 24th May, 1929, at 11.20 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1928, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 6th May to 24th May, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 1st May, 1929.

G. R.

Particulars and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 6th day of May, 1929, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Prince Edward Road, Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements. N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in square feet.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price.
			feet	feet	feet	feet			
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2185.	Near Prince Edward Road, Kowloon.	As per sale plan.				About 17,000	$113	$3,500

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Particulars and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 6th day of May, 1929, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land near Prince Edward Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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			feet	feet	feet	feet			
2	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2176.	Near Prince Edward Road, Kowloon Tong.	As per sale plan.				About 33,000	$263	$10,500

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that Mr. Archibald Ritchie, Chartered Accountant, has been admitted a partner in our Hongkong business as from 1st January, 1929.

LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS,
Chartered Accountants.
Hongkong, 1st May, 1929.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

The Half Yearly General Meeting of Voting Members will be held in the Jockey Club Room, Hongkong Club Annex, on Friday, 17th May, 1929, at 5.10 p.m.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 30th April, 1929.

WHIST DRIVES.

Whist Drives will commence at the Police Club.

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on Thursday, 2nd May
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One Victrola and Records
Fine Cut Crystal Glass, comprising:—Vases, Bowls, Decanters, Spirit Bottles, Jugs, Lamps, etc., etc.
A Selection of Fine Silverware
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A Choice Selection of Black-Wood Ware.—Joss Table, Silver Cabinet, Inlaid Couch, Standard and Table Lamps, Writing Desk, Teapoys, Chairs and Stands, etc.
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On View from Wednesday, the 1st May, 1929.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

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the 6th May, 1929,
at 12 o'clock Noon.
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Hongkong, 29th April, 1929.

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Claims will not be recoverable unless complete accounts are sent in within fourteen days of final discharge of vessel.

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Hongkong, 2nd May, 1929.

AN ARMED ROBBERY.

RAID ON QUARTERS OF EUROPEAN HOUSE.

A report of an armed robbery perpetrated by four men was made to the Police last night, the place in which this took place being the servants' quarters of No. 1 Armend Building, Kowloon, the residence of Mrs. D. Harvey.

It appears that about 7.55 p.m. yesterday, an amah was sitting in the servants' quarters talking to a friend when four men entered, two of them being armed with knives. The amah and her friend were bound and gagged, after which the robbers ransacked the quarters and decamped with $10 belonging to the amah, $1 of her friend, and some jewellery and clothing to the total value of about $45.50.

The men made off by the back lane towards Chatham Road, and went in the direction of Hunghom.

The sixtieth ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., is advertised to take place at the Head Office of the Company, Union Building, on Friday, May, 24, at 11.15 a.m.

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Japan	Takliwa	May 2.
Shanghai and Amoy	Kanchow	May 2.
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London 11th and 12th April.)	Haruna Maru	May 3.
Europe via Negapatam, letters only London 4th April	Hong Hwa	May 3
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres Van Buren	May 4.
Shanghai	Nagpore	May 4.
Shanghai and Swatow	Szechuen	May 4.
Europe via Negapatam, papers only London 4th April	Kutsang	May 5.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President Taft	May 6.
Manila	Pres Jackson	May 6.
Japan	Arafura	May 6.
Australia and Manila	Tanda	May 6.
Straits	Perim	May 6.
Saigon	Sphinx	May 7.
Japan	Himalaya Maru	May 7.
Japan and Shanghai	Athos II	May 7.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Emp. of Asia	May 8.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres McKinley	May 10.
Japan and Shanghai	Kalyan	May 10.
Manila	Pres. Taft	May 13.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Hayes	May 18.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time.
Amoy	Liangchow	Thurs., May 2, 3.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Chong On	Thurs., May 2, 4 p.m.
Japan	Delhi	Thurs., May 2, 4.30 p.m.
Saigon	Clara Jebsen	Thurs., May 2, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ching	Fri., Apr. 3, 1 p.m.
Formosa	Fukuju Maru	Fri., May 3, 2.30 p.m.
Tourane	Chung Kong	Fri., May 3, 2.30 p.m.
Straits	Takliwa	Fri., May, 3, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Haruna Maru	Sat., May, 4. K.P.O. Registration May, 3, 4.30 p.m. Letters May, 4, 9 a.m. G.P.O: Registration May 4, 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m. (Due Marseilles 2nd June)

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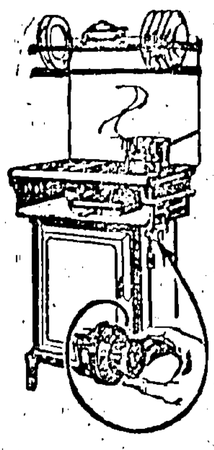

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Unlike drugs, which may induce sleep but which may be harmful in some way or other to the general health, *tisanes* are health conservers, and therefore beauty and youth preservers. There are many varieties of these. Tilleul is one of the most favoured. It is made from the dried leaves and flowers of the lime-tree, picked when the tree is in blossom—the sprigs with the flowers and young leaves. These are carefully dried in the sun and kept all the year round.

The *tisane* is made like tea; a handful of sprays are placed in a pot, and boiling water is poured over them and left to infuse for three or four minutes. After is has been poured into the cup it is sweetened to taste and a spoonful of orange flower water is added.

Varying Her Nightcap.

Variety is always charming, so Madame varies her nightcap and sometimes takes "Verveine," which is made from dried verbena leaves, in the same way as "tilleul," and sweetened and served with orange flower water.

But when feeling liverish or suffering from indigestion she takes camomile. This is a good digestive and excellent for the liver. It is not an infusion but a decoction. Two or three "fleurs de camomilles" are boiled in a small saucepan of water for about two minutes, just long enough to colour the water; then it is poured through a strainer and sweetened. It is not so pleasant in taste, but very good for biliousness, and consequently it improves a bilious complexion.

The dried leaves and flowers for making these *tisanes* can be procured at any chemist's and can be made just as well in any other country as in France.

H. B. L.

Fashion Notes.

THE SYREN DRESS.

One of the most popular models among the evening gowns has been called by the Paris public the "bird dress" or the "syren" dress.

It is drawn along the lines of the "back fashion," simple and short in front, and falling down to the heels in the back. The panels, which form a tail, have a striking resemblance to the feathers of a bird, or to the seaweeds which one imagines to hang down from the body of a water-nymph.

The syren dress gives to the woman who wears it, a floating, almost aerial walk. The panels and ribbons which adorn the back of the gown float behind its wearer like the draperies wrapped round the statue of the hunting Diana.

Lorgnettes.

Lorgnettes are becoming more ornamental. Among those observed recently, one had a short handle in marcasite banded with diamond chips; another, in much the same pattern, was in jade.

"Fromage" yellow is noted in new silk stockings, with slim, long, open-work clock. These are for evening wear, and rather forecast the vogue for yellow, which is promised for both sports and the evening mode.

Pink zenias, with glossy pink leaves, are noted among the new ideas in artificial flowers. For evening wear, large roses of chiffon have been accepted, while real carnations are favoured by many smart women, worn in circlets or in geometric designs, or in last season's mode, just a row of four from the shoulder, down the side of the bodice. A new idea in the dress-making world is to have geometric patterns out-lined in silk on corsages, and on these patterns women arrange their flowers.

Button-makers must be making a fortune. The latest contribution includes buttons of brass, looking-glass, polished nickel and crystal.

The new silk pique will be very fashionable this season. It is worn contrasted with satin, with fine poplins, and with the new Barathea weaves, in rare and intriguing models.

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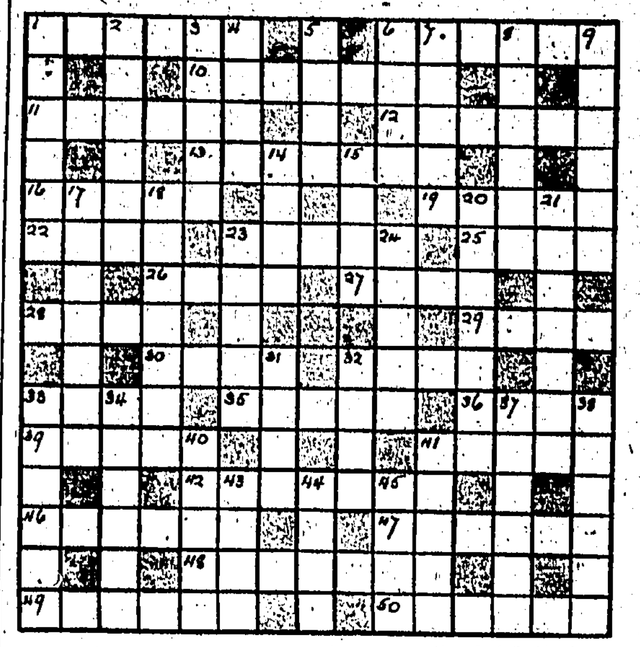

Across

1 Sudden.
6 Used frugally.
10 Causes rotation.
11 Coarse file.
12 Handle of printing press.
13 Sprinkled.
14 Arouses.
19 Part with.
22 Similar.
23 Demon.
25 Raw metals.
26 Employed.
27 Canine animals.
28 Root.
29 Sums up.
30 Bristle-like appendages.
32 Used in washing.
33 Young salmon.
35 Purport.
36 Moves.
39 Natives of Arabia.
41 Earth.
42 Rich wine.
46 Showy to excess.
47 Establish.
48 Allied to the crab.
49 Interweave.
50 Sea-nymphs (Greek myth.)

Down

1 Athwart.
2 Ecclesiastical injunction.
3 Crush.
4 Injury to property (Law).
5 Forgery.
6 Painful.
7 Pricks.
8 Racer.
9 Fears.
14 Attack by violence.
15 Staff of authority.
17 Having form of a pipe.
18 Herbaceous plant.
20 Charge levied on letters.
21 Not either.
23 Pretence.
24 Giver.
31 Dispatch.
32 Songs for one.
33 Succession of sounds.
34 Poured down.
37 Decorated.
38 Persons sanctified.
40 Odour.
41 Stay.
43 Plant of lily order.
44 Cardinal point.
45 Females of the Hart.

Yesterday's Solution.

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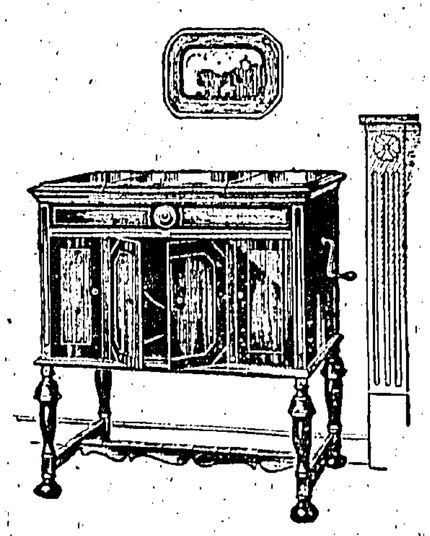

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THURSDAY MAY 2, 1929

MOTOR TAXATION.

We shall be greatly surprised if there is not a spirited protest made by motorists against the proposals which are being laid before the Legislative Council this afternoon for a revision of the existing system of motor taxation. Not only are the recommendations cumbersome and complicated, involving four distinct types of taxation as compared with only one at present in force, but they will, if passed into law, very materially increase the cost of motoring to private owners. Under the existing system, all vehicles are taxed by licences graded according to weight. The new proposals comprise a petrol tax applicable to all, a horse-power tax in respect of private cars and cycles, a tax calculated on seating capacity in the case of public vehicles, and a varying scale of licence fees so far as commercial vehicles are concerned. The Committee making these recommendations cannot be regarded as in any sense a representative body, for, of the four members, three are Government officials. On what basis the selection was made we cannot profess to say, but one would have thought that the Commitee would have included at least one representative of the motor industry as well as of the Automobile Association other than a Government official.

There is one observation in the Committee's report with which we find ourselves in complete agreement, namely, that "a petrol tax is the fairest method of taxation, as by this means the tax is proportional to the use of the roads." Indeed, we assert that this is the only reasonable solution of the problem. How high that tax would need to be to bring in sufficient revenue, we do not know. But we have it on the word of the Committee itself that it could be four times the proposed rate without any risk being run of smuggling from China. In any event, we see no necessity for raising the smuggling bogey at all. As the Committee says, the commodity is very bulky, and it ought not to be difficult, whatever the tax is, to prevent extensive importation of smuggled spirit. We do not refrain from taxing tobacco, liquors or opium because of the smuggling evil, and the measures which are taken for keeping out illicit goods of this type could be applied to just as easily, if not more so, to petrol. When we come to the various types of taxes proposed, anomalies are at once apparent. If we read the recommendations aright, a 40 horse-power private car, to take an example, would, besides the petrol tax, have to pay $80 per annum on horse-power, whereas a similarly-engined public car accommodating five passengers would get off with $50, or a seven-seater with $70. Not only does this appear unfair discrimination against the private owner, but there is the further point that the private car might only be in use at week-ends, whereas the other vehicle would in all probability be using the roads at all hours of the day and night, with relays of drivers. Thus is the ideal of making the tax proportional to the use of the roads observed! Summed up, the effect of the new proposals is to mulct private owners in far heavier taxation; those using their cars fairly regularly must at least expect their outgoings to be doubled; others will suffer even more.

The table attached to the report giving the expenditure on maintenance of roads and bridges last year, together with income from motor licence fees, is interesting, but if the comparison is made for the purpose of justifying the suggested increase in taxation, we are inclined to quarrel with its applicability. Against an income of $117,134, there is shown an expenditure of $317,739, but we trust it will not be contended that road and bridge maintenance is solely for the benefit of motorists. If there did not happen to be a single motor vehicle in the Colony, huge sums would still have to be spent annually on roads and bridges. We have no figures to indicate to what extent motor needs have sent up the expenditure under this heading, but we are inclined to doubt whether the Government has a right to expect very much more from taxation than it is at present receiving.

The "Kausing."

Government fidgets have been overcome, and the "Kausing" stands condemned, with official sanction, as the whitest of white elephants, incapable of carrying out the duties for which she was built at a cost to the Colony of a quarter of a million dollars. There is no brooking of the facts on this occasion. Practical experience has shown, says the Hon. Commdr. G. F. Hole, that owing to having only a single screw she is practically unmanageable in typhoon weather when attempting to manoeuvre, while it is unsafe to get her under way for out-harbour work until a full head of steam has been raised, taking twelve hours. In other words, and, of course, this has been general knowledge for a long time past, the Kausing, so-called rescue tug, has herself to look after in typhoon weather, while it would be absurd to take her into consideration in the event of a repetition of the "Hsin Wah" sinking. The admission is perfectly frank, though the Government appears determined not to "carry the baby," if they can possibly avoid it. The Kausing, it is suggested, is the child of the Chamber of Commerce, and the Colony's shipping and commercial interests are responsible for the finished article. And if the full facts have been disclosed it would certainly appear that the Chamber of Commerce Committee of Experts (containing a list of names formidable in the local shipping world) went sadly and strangely astray. We are told that the Government, although signifying their desire for twin screws and water tube boilers, permitted themselves to be overruled by the Experts. The Government cannot escape all responsibility in this manner, though they may try exceedingly hard. The Government had the spending of the money, and there should be sufficient "experts" in the Government employ to judge whether the Chamber of Commerce had given consideration to the subject on the right lines. The blunder is so obvious we think there must have been serious misunderstanding, and if this responsibility could be placed, the real "culprits" might be found. The cost of converting the Kausing is prohibitive, even if the figures given are on the liberal side, and we strongly endorse Commdr. Hole's recommendation that the craft should be sold and a new tug constructed. It should not have taken four years to find this out.

DAY BY DAY.

THE ENVIOUS MAN IS IN PAIN UPON ALL OCCASIONS WHICH OUGHT TO GIVE HIM PLEASURE.—*Addison.*

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A branch office of the Kwangtung Central Bank is to be opened at 5, Chater Road on Saturday.

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H.M.S. Kent, flying the flag of the Commander in Chief of the China Station left Amoy yesterday for Shanghai.

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Douglas Fairbanks' splendid picture, "The Iron Mask" will be shown for the last time to-day at the Queen's Theatre.

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The health return for yesterday shows two cases of typhoid (one British and the other Chinese), and one Chinese case of small-pox.

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The *Yellow Dragon* for April is a most entertaining number, containing much, humorous and otherwise, in relation to Queen's College activities.

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Mr. B. M. Talati, B.A., will speak on "Theosophy and the Young" at the usual weekly lecture of the Theosophical Society, 7, Queen's Road Central, to-day at 6 p.m.

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The British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd's sixty-third ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders will be held at its Head Office, Union Building, on Friday, May 24, at 11.20 a.m.

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It is advertised that the fifty-sixth ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., will be held at the Head Office, Union Building, on Friday, May 24, at 11 a.m.

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A gala concert, for which the most popular solos, duets, etc., of the operas have been selected, will be given by the leading artists of the Italian Grand Opera Company at the Theatre on Sunday next at 9.15 p.m.

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Miss Butler, the daughter of Mr. E. Butler, appeared before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a charge of allowing her dog to be abroad without a muzzle. The defendant pleaded guilty and was fined $5.

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The Banyard Musical Comedy Company concluded its brief season at the Theatre Royal last night with a new and snappy revue which was immensely enjoyed. The Company is giving a special cabaret show at the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden to-night, dinner tables being $7 per head.

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On a charge of returning from banishment, a Chinese was sentenced to eight months' hard labour by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. The defendant stated that he was merely passing through Hongkong. His Worship pointed out that the authorities did not want to see him, even if he was only passing through.

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Among the passengers leaving yesterday on the Empress of Russia were Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Blanchard, Mr. C. Bernard Brown, Mr. K. A. Carstensen, Major and Mrs. R. P. Causins, Major L. B. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Culver, Rev. W. Christie, Mr. Chan Harr, Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Fetterly, Mr. J. Gubbay, Mr. T. V. Harman, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hill, Mr. J. Kelly, Mr. and the Hon. Mrs. J. G. Morrison, Mr. D. A. MacIntosh, Mr. T. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Patell, Sir Henry Pollock, Mr. and Mrs. H.H. H. Priestley, Mrs. C. L. Sandes, Mr. A. L. Shields, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Turner, Mr. C. Thwaites, Mr. W. K. Tait, Mrs. D. Tollan, Major C.W.R. Tuke, Rev. and Mrs. G. E. Upsdell and Mr. W. J. Woolley.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, May 1.

Paris	124.15¼
Geneva	25.19
Berlin	20.47
Oslo	18.19½
Helsingfors	193
Athens	375
Buenos Aires	47.5/16
Hongkong	1/11⅝
New York	4.85 11/32
Amsterdam	12.07
Stockholm	18.15¼
Vienna	34.55
Madrid	38.67½
Bucharest	818
Bombay	1/5.29/32
Yokohama	1/10
Brussels	34.95
Milan	92.64¼
Copenhagen	18.20
Prague	164
Lisbon	108
Rio	5.57/64
Shanghai	2/5⅛
Silver (spot and forward)	25.5/16

—*British Wireless.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

Motor Taxation.

[To The Editor of *Hongkong Telegraph.*]

Sir,—With regard to the proposed new motor taxes, I should like to appeal to the H.K.A.A. through the medium of your columns. A more unjust proposal is difficult to conceive than the saddling of the motorists of the Colony with the burden of the upkeep of roads. Are we to assume that if we had no motors here we would have no roads?

Let the H.K.A.A. call a general meeting and in no uncertain manner let the Government know our opinion on the matter.

Thanking you for your courtesy.

—Yours, etc.,

MEMBER.

Hongkong, May 2, 1929.

BRIDGE MADE EASY by W. W. Wentworth

(Abbreviations: A—Ace; K—king; Q—Queen; J—jack; X—any card lower than 10.)

Opening Blindly—3.

In the previous installment were discussed the four most desirable opening leads when the declarer has named a suit. But the necessary holdings for those leads do not always occur. Below are other examples which should cover practically every situation.

All of the following leads are fraught with danger, as they may place your partner in a vulnerable position and help the declarer establish winning cards:

FOURTH-FROM-TOP LEAD. For want of a better lead, open a four card suit as QXXX, JXXX, or XXX or XXXX, with the lowest in the suit.

WEAK THREE CARD SUIT. A lead from Q X X, J X X, 10 X X or X X X often leaves your partner in a maze as to your holding and is not desirable. The lead from K J 10 is less desirable.

DOUBLETON LEAD. A lead from a two card suit, as J X, 10 X, X X, A X or K X is decidedly undesirable.

WASTED LEAD. Holding A X X or A X X X, avoid leading these suits without capturing opponents' King or Queen. If you do open these suits, lead the Ace.

DENOUNCED LEAD. The lead from a suit headed by K, as K X X X, K X X, K J X X or K 10 X X will usually be denounced by your partner if you lead the lowest.

LEAST DESIRABLE LEAD. The ten-ace suits as A Q 10, A J 10, A Q, A J X.

P.W.D. WATCHMAN'S SUICIDE.

TWO OTHER ATTEMPTS REPORTED.

Police reports give details of two cases of attempted suicide yesterday.

A P.W.D. watchman, named Lui Mui, took his life by strangling himself. His body was found, yesterday, in a hut on the new reclamation road on the Praya East, with a cord knotted around his neck.

A woman, named Chi Ma, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital from the servants' quarters at the Roman Cathedral, with injuries to her neck, which she inflicted on herself following a family quarrel.

Suffering from a dose of opium which she took in an attempt to end her life, a Chinese woman, who lived at 45, Graham Street, was admitted into the Government Civil Hospital yesterday in a comatose state.

CHUNGKING TROUBLE.

ATTEMPT TO IMPOSE BRITISH BOYCOTT.

Reports from Chungking state an attempt is being made there to re-establish the British boycott. General Liu has declared his adherence to Nanking but his troops still maintain a position above Ichang. The latter place is now definitely Nationalist. The first Nationalist salute by Japanese took place when the Japanese cruiser Tone saluted the flag at Hankow.—*Naval Wireless.*

The Very Idea!

An honoured place among bribery stories, writes a correspondent, should be given to one told to the late Mr. Justice Grantham when hearing an election petition in the Eastern Counties.

A witness was called who, after admitting that he had received 5s. from one party, added that he subsequently got 10s. from the other.

"For whom did you vote?" asked the Judge. "I ain't got a vote," was the reply.

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Man at Tower Bridge (charged with stealing 2s. 6d. found in a glove in his pocket): I often find money in my gloves. It is my lucky pocket.

Mr. Bingley, the Marylebone magistrate (to a prisoner who produced a bail form): That is an invitation to come and see me.

Willesden Employer: I have been away with 'flu and my men object because a stranger pays them instead of me.

A woman at Tottenham: I only smashed a teapot on her head in self-defence.

A Landlady at Acton, W. (asking for an ejectment order against a lodger): I sleep in the scullery in the winter and in the passage in the summer.

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Two Aberdonians simultaneously saw a threepenny bit in Union Street. They were both taken to hospital suffering from concussion.

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To-day's Ghost Story.—"I did not believe in ghosts till I stayed with friends in Ireland some years ago. Coming out of my room just before dinner one evening I saw a figure in black (which I took to be a housemaid) pass along the corridor, and, to my surprise, disappear behind the curtains of a window. This struck me as odd, the window being flush with the walls, and yet the curtain did not bulge out—also that the maid did not have a cap or apron on.

"Conversation at dinner being rather flat, I thought I would liven things up by telling of my apparition as a ghost story. I had not got very far with my tale when I received a hard kick under the table, and someone broke in with a trivial remark. I said no more.

"After dinner a sister of my hostess said it was she who had kicked me, as I had described the ghost of the house, which had not been seen for some years. She told me that my hostess was very nervous about it, and would not sleep if she thought it was about again."

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(*The sun is said to be consuming itself at the rate of* 250,000,000 *tons a year*).

In summer-time this little bit
Of news would not have caught
My notice; I'd have given it
Not e'en a passing thought,
Nor paused to meditate on what
It cost the sun to keep me hot.

But in these present wintry days
when earth is ice-bedecked,
And every grate demands its blaze,
I mournfully reflect
That now my coal supply's begun
(Almost) to emulate the sun.

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A typical boasting American had by some means got into heaven and was raving garrulously about Niagara Falls. An old shrivelled up woman near him started to giggle and laugh.

"Do you mean to say," said the American, "that you think that eight million cubic feet of water each minute is not a lot of water? Might I ask what your name is?"

"Certainly," replied the woman. "I'm Mrs. Noah."

THE OPERA SEASON.

"LUCIA DI LAMMERMORE" FINELY DONE.

The Italian Grand Opera Company scored another great success last night in the presentation of "Lucia di Lammermore." Mlle. Ersanili's rendering of the mad scene, both in her dramatic acting and with her remarkably sweet voice, bringing down the house, which demanded a double encore.

Sig. Giletta as Sir Edgar of Ravenswood and Sig. Barontini as Lord Arthur Bucklaw were also loudly applauded, while Sig Casarosa made the best use of his histrionic abilities and rich sonorous voice in his rendering of the part of Sir Henry Ashton.

The final scene in the cemetery, where Edgar of Ravenswood stabs himself before the tombs of his ancestors, was awe-inspiring.

To-night the company will play "Carmen" with Mlle. Agozzino in the leading role, Sig. Giovannoni as Don Jose, and Sig. Cassarosa as Escamillo.

SHANGHAI POISON TRAGEDY.

INQUEST ON CAPTAIN K. W. POWER.

TOOK NARCOTIC FROM A CABARET GIRL.

TO CURE HEADACHE.

Shanghai, Apr. 26.

Evidence that he had taken some white powder from a Russian cabaret girl and had drunk it with his whisky soda was brought out at the inquest, at the British Police Court yesterday, on Captain Kenneth William Joseph Power, of the Chinese Maritime Customs.

Mr. A. J. Martin, the Registrar, sitting as Coroner, brought in a verdict that death was due to pneumonia brought on by narcotic poisoning.

Captain Power returned to Shanghai recently and was living at the Palace Hotel. He was found unconscious in his room at the hotel last Tuesday morning and was removed to the General Hospital where he passed away two days later.

Found Unconscious.

Dr. O'Driscoll, who was one of the two physicians who attended the deceased at the Hospital, disclosed to the Coroner a conversation which he had with Captain Power. The latter told him that the evening before he was found unconscious he was in the Alcazar Cabaret. He had a headache and asked a dancing girl for an aspirin. She gave him some white powder from a package which was in her bag and told him that it was aspirin. He took the powder which tasted bitter but felt no effects.

Witness asserted that death was due to hyphostatic or insipid pneumonia or a blockage of the lungs due to artificial respiration and the oxygen which had to be administered. This was substantiated by the testimony of Dr. Renner, who was called by the manager of the Palace Hotel to attend the deceased on Tuesday. Dr. Renner thought that death was also due to heart weakness and asserted that penumonia had nothing directly to do with the poisoning but probably indirectly. He had called in the police after discovering that the deceased had been poisoned.

Girl Not Traced.

During the proceedings, the coroner enquired from one of the witnesses, Detective Sergeant Berton, of the Central Station, whether the police had been able to locate the cabaret girl and he elicited the reply that they had not but expect to do so. They had visited every cabaret in Frenchtown.

Dr. J. A. O'Driscoll, in his evidence, said when deceased had fully regained consciousness he had asked him what he had been taking the previous evening. Captain Power replied that he had a headache and was in the Alcazar Cabaret where he asked a girl he had been dancing with for an aspirin. She produced a white powder from a bag which she told him was aspirin and he took the powder which he said tasted bitter.

Felt No Effects.

He did not feel the effects of it and returned to the Palace Hotel about two in the morning and went to bed. He had been drinking, Dr. Driscoll informed the coroner, which might have slowed the action of the narcotic. Witness suspected that the narcotic was heroin or some derivative of opiate.

In answer to further questions, witness said that a person got used to drugs. A quantity that might not effect an addict would constitute a poison for one who was not in the habit of taking drugs. Heroin would in his opinion relieve headache or any pain. Death in this case was due to hyphostatic or insipid pneumonia or a blockage of the lungs due to the artificial respiration and oxygen which had been administered to the deceased that indirectly had to be done to counteract the poison. He had known the deceased for 22 or 23 years. Captain Power had recently returned from leave. Witness had not seen him for the past five years.

Detective's Evidence.

Detective Sergeant A. C. Barton, of Central, stated that he went to the Palace Hotel shortly after 9 a.m. on April 16, in response to a telephone call. On arrival he was shown up to room No. 416 where he saw the deceased lying in bed under medical attendance.

The following day witness said he went to the Hospital to see Captain Power who was unconscious. At 11 a.m. on April 18, when witness again called he was lying in bed reading a newspaper. Witness put a few questions to him and he related that on the evening of April 15, he had been to several cabarets in Frenchtown but could not give their names but only recollected that of Alcazar. Deceased remarked that he did not know Shanghai well.

Sergeant Barton stated in answer to the coroner that he had made inquiries at Alcazar and all cabarets in Frenchtown but was unable to find which place and girl it was. There were quite a number of girls in each cabaret, about 30. The coroner wanted to know whether witness had heard of cabaret girls carrying heroin and witness replied that he could not say for sure.

After a few minutes' deliberation the Coroner returned the following verdict: "I find that Kenneth William Joseph Power died at the General Hospital, Shanghai, on April 18, of pneumonia brought on as a result of narcotic poisoning."

DOUBLE MURDER CHARGE.

BROTHER OF VICTIMS GIVES EVIDENCE.

GRAPHIC DETAILS.

The case against Chau Kau, charged with having caused the death of two young girls, the daughters of a junk-master, on March 18 last was continued before Mr. E. W. Hamilton to-day at the Central Police Court.

The principal witness, a 14-year-old boy, who is the brother of the girls, said that on the day in question he had come away from school and waited on the waterfront with his sisters for the arrival of the dinghy which was to take them back to the junk.

They pushed off in the dinghy from the Wing Lok Wharf at about 8 o'clock in the evening, he sitting with the younger sister, Cheung Fo, amidships, while the elder sister, Cheung Fo Kam, was plying the oar at the bow and Chau Kau busying himself with the stern oar.

The junk was lying alongside the s.s. Shantung, but it appeared to witness that Chau Kau was taking a different course, heading for the north-west. Without being asked, he informed them that the junk was lying off Kennedy Town, and when Cheung Fo suggested that they should make for the Shantung, he got up, and, seizing hold of a bottom plank with both hands, dealt her a blow across the face with the flat side of the board. Cheung Fo did not utter a sound but dropped to the bottom of the boat.

Chau Kau then proceeded to attack his other sister who had called back from her position at the oar at the bow, enquiring, "What is the matter, Fo?." This was all that she said. The next moment she was stabbed by Chau Kau with a knife. Both sisters lay still, after being struck, and witness assumed that they both had been killed.

Chau Kau then seized hold of witness by the throat, but he struggled and fell into the water. Holding on to the loose end of a painter which was trailing from the side of the boat, he was forced to let go his hold on being stabbed in the head and hands by the defendant. He was conscious of being picked up by a sampan and the next thing he remembered was being in hospital.

The case is proceeding.

STEADY RISE IN COAL OUTPUT.

INCREASED NUMBER OF MEN EMPLOYED.

The official returns of coal output and men employed in the mining industry make comfortable reading from the beginning of the year.

On December 1 the output for the week was 4,654,100 tons, and the number of men employed 894,500.

Since the beginning of the year the weekly figures have been:

	Tons	Men.
January 5	4,100,300	898,500
January 12	5,214,600	903,200
January 19	5,247,900	906,500
January 26	5,251,500	907,000
February 2	5,312,300	908,500
February 9	5,429,100	910,600
February 16	5,139,600	913,500
February 23	5,444,900	917,500
March 2	5,464,200	920,400
March 16	5,562,200	929,300
March 23	5,681,600	933,000

Not only have the output and the number of men employed steadily increased week by week, but the improvement began before the cold snap came.

The weekly output is now greater than at any time since the strike, and the number of men employed larger than at any time since last May, when the output was nearly 1,000,000 tons less, the reason being that then the men were working short time, whereas now they are on full time.

MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

A Breezy Australian Critique—The Best Columbia and Victor Records of the Month.

[BY "ALLEGRO."]

After reading a bright and breezy critique of an opera performance in Adelaide, as published in an Australian paper, the ordinary stereotyped accounts of plays and concerts, such as we are accustomed to, will seem very dull and uninteresting to me in future. Among the comments on the performers there was a reference to Miss Enid Besanko, who was "a merry maid though at times her tripping about the stage was slightly reminiscent of a playful elephant." The only reference to one of the performers was that as the night was not warm he must have wished heartily that Scotsmen had chosen something else besides kilts for their national costume. "The work of the orchestra was fine but slightly marred at times when the chorus decided to sing two or three bars ahead and the orchestra had to step on the accelerator to catch up." But the bright and breezy part of the account came after the comments on the performers, nearly as much attention being paid to those present in the audience! It must have interested readers to know that "Frank Villeneuve Smith and his golden-haired wife occupied their usual seats, and Mrs. Richardson wore silver-beaded apple-green georgette and brought pale-blue-clad daughter Yvonne along with her." The Hon. Hugh Grosvenor was "in attendance" as well as "Dr. and Mrs. Harold Davies, Mrs. Davies wearing black silk lace." What readers would have thought if she had donned blue georgette, I really cannot imagine! "Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Lawrence proudly watched their daughter" and the "Bill Menz couple were greatly interested, and Mrs. Menz hooked a large scarlet flower on to her black georgette frock." Curious! I wonder what she did that for!

"Mrs. Helpman wore black georgette with beading in silver and Mr. and Mrs. Lienau enjoyed things from the stall." (What sort of things? The audience seems to be more interesting than the show.)

But for real snappy comment I think this is the best example:—"Ada Bonython rested her weary limbs from the selling of sweets and other things, and sat in the cafe sipping orange drinks, afterwards joining Mrs. Bonython."

Really, there is material here for Hongkong reporters to draw upon in their endeavour to make critiques a bit more interesting. What about a few comments on Mrs. So and So wearing the same old dress, Mrs. Whatsername hooking a kind of bottle-brush on her shoulderstrap and Mr. Thengamijigg resting his weary limbs in a ricksha, dashing to the Club for a brandy and soda, afterwards joining the ladies? There is no end to the possibilities and I foresee brighter and breezier Jottings next concert season, provided, of course, the Editor approves!

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During last winter I had several requests to devote more space to reviewing gramophone records. Such large batches arrive each month that many people who buy their one or two records per month like to be recommended certain discs without having to try through large numbers, and I am told by the local music shops that any special recommendations by "Allegro" bring in their train a demand for those records which often results in their becoming sold out. This is rather a difficult reputation to live up to. However, now the summer is upon us there will be more opportunity for devoting space to records and I hope to be able to comment on

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"Why couldn't you have made the date for some other night? You knew I wanted to use the evening dress Friday."

THE K.O.S.B. FRAUD ALLEGATIONS.

DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL PROCEEDING.

INDIAN'S EVIDENCE.

When the District Court Martial which is enquiring into the alleged embezzlement by Corporal Charles Hendry of the K.O.S.B. of sums amounting to over $1,300, the property of the P.R.I., was resumed this morning, the Judge Advocate, Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, again interrupted Mr. Wadeson, for the prosecution, stating that the evidence he was calling was irrelevant to the case.

The prosecution called Alla Rakka, the regimental barber, and he was asked by Mr. Wadeson if he had made any payments to the P.R.I. on account of rebate, rent and light. The witness was proceeding to give his reply when the Judge Advocate ruled it out, pointing out that the charges against the accused were specific.

Mr. Wadeson expressed the opinion that the accused was charged in connexion with the books of the P.R.I. and that therefore the evidence of Alla Rakka was relevant. It was up to the prosecution to show that money which should have been in the P.R.I. account was missing.

Mr. Fitzroy expressed his doubt but permitted the evidence of the barber to be taken.

Examined by the counsel for prosecution witness stated that he paid about $300 to the P.R.I. in 1928. He paid from $10 to $15 a month for rent, $15 for rebate and also small amounts for lighting. All these amounts had personally been paid by him in cash to Corporal Hendry the accused. He had obtained receipts for all these amounts and had handed them over to Iman Din, the son of the proprietor of Gulam Nabi and Son. He did that because the Adjutant had asked that this be done. That was the only reason.

Cross-examined by Mr. Strellett witness stated that he handed over the receipts to Iman Din because a strange man in the camp, whom he did not know, had told him that the Adjutant wanted the receipts, and he therefore handed over to Iman Din two or three receipts. He had lost some of the receipts. He kept them filed on a string and when he was moving from one house to another he must have lost some of them.

He identified a receipt for $33 which was produced from the Gulam file in Court, but denied that it was the only receipt he had received up till June of 1928 and that it was the only receipt which he had handed to anybody. He had other receipts, he said. It was not true that it was the only amount he had paid to Corporal Hendry up till June. He paid his accounts every month, and all were paid in person to the accused.

The case is proceeding.

MISSED TREASURY CHEQUES.

CLERK'S EVIDENCE IN THE BANK CASE.

HAD NO SUSPICION.

The story of the discovery that cheques were missing was told by Tsang On-wing, the Treasury clerk during the hearing this morning of the case in which the Government is suing the Hongkong and Shang-Bank for the recovery of $260,000, alleged to have been wrongly debited as the result of the Yeo frauds.

Tsang On-wing stated to-day that when he received a cheque book from the Bank he looked at the first and the last numbers. Sometimes he checked the book page by page. After checking he initialled the receipt and sent it in to Mr. Messer, for his signature.

Mr. Sheldon:—Have you ever known the Bank to send a book containing cheques which do not tally with the numbers on the receipt?—No.

What happened to the covers of the two books from which cheques were missing?—I cut them off and put them in the waste-paper basket.

Tsang On-wing went on to say that every cheque book was sent to the gaol printing works, after being received from the Bank, for the Treasury serial number and the words "Colonial Treasurer" and "Cashier," to be printed.

So that the gaol will know what numbers to print upon the cheques, what steps do you take yourself with the cheques when you send them for printing?—I usually look at the book in use, to ascertain the last number and put down the following number on the first cheque of the new book. Witness added that he also did the same.

So the counterfoil on the first page of each book bears your handwriting of the Treasury serial number?—Yes.

Do you also enter those numbers on the cheques themselves?—Yes, and the words "Colonial Treasurer" and "Cashier."

Witness was then referred to the cheque book Exhibit "F" saying that he remembered sending it to the gaol on December 2.

30 Cheques Short.

When you were writing the numbers of the cheques on Exhibit "F" did you make any discovery with regard to the book?—Yes.

What discovery did you make?—When I put down the Treasury serial number on "F" I found that Exhibit "E" (the previous book) was 30 cheques short.

Did you look at the cover of Exhibit "F"?—Yes, I did.

What did you find?—I found that the altered numbers on the cover tallied with the last cheque.

Witness said there was also a mark which he took to be an initial. He concluded that the Bank had sent 30 cheques short. It did not strike him at that time that the cheques had been extracted from the book. When he looked up Exhibit "F" in order to number a new book he found a similar thing had happened and that another 30 cheques were missing. He again found the numbers on the cover altered and again came to the conclusion that the Bank had sent 30 cheques short.

Witness then went on to say that he ordered 200 cheques from the Bank for the remainder of the year, but they sent 400, together with a note that they could not supply 200.

Reported to Mr. Black.

What happened next?—I reported the matter to Mr. Black saying to him words to the effect that he had ordered a book of 200 cheques and the Bank had sent 400. Since I was 60 cheques short he thought I might require a little more than 200. I asked Mr. Black if I should make use of this book or send it back and ask for 300.

Witness continued that as he was speaking to Mr. Black, Mr. Messer came along and asked what the matter was. Witness then told Mr. Messer the same thing and Mr. Messer told him to keep the book.

When you spoke to Mr. Messer did you tell him that 60 cheques were short or that 60 cheques had been extracted from the book?—60 cheques short.

He had always thought that the Bank had sent the books short of cheques and he did not realise it was not so until the frauds were discovered. He had mentioned the matter to Cheung Man-kuen, his assistant a few minutes before reporting to Mr. Black. Witness stated that if he had had any suspicion that the cheques had been extracted, he would have immediately reported the matter to Mr. Black.

Witness was then handed the three disputed cheques and stated that they were not in his handwriting.

The case is proceeding.

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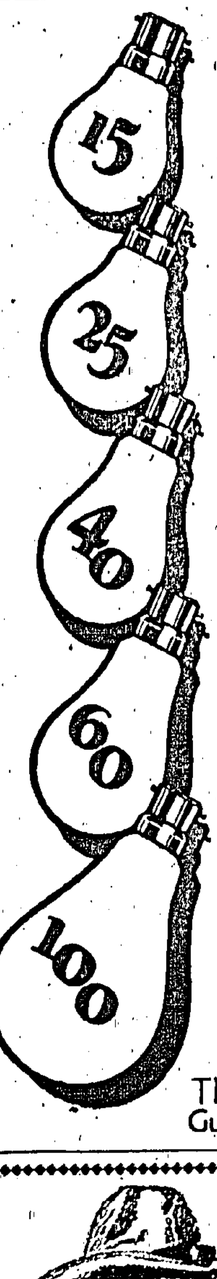

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Y.M.C.A. TENNIS CLUB.

KNOCK-OUT HARD COURT TOURNAMENT.

On the hard courts at the rear of the Y.M.C.A. on Wednesday last, a knock out tournament took place; eleven pairs entering.

Owing to the short playing time at the disposal of the participants, each set consisted of the best of seven games; but in spite of this, the semi-finals and final were played in failing light.

The semi-finalists were Rev. J. H. Johnston and Mr. J. M. Jack against Mr. Justice J. R. Wood and G. P. Hedley, the latter pair winning 4-1. The winning pair were presented with spoons. It is hoped that similar tournaments will be arranged in future.

On Saturday, May 11th, a mixed American tournament will be held on the King's Park grass courts, commencing at 2.30. This is open to members of the Tennis Club and their lady friends. The draw for the "Weall" Cup has been made, and the handicap list may be seen at the Y.M.C.A. or King's Park.

On Saturday the first League match will be played, the Y.M.C.A. being drawn against the Nippon Club.

FOOTBALL TOURISTS.

DINNER TO HONGKONG'S SELECTED CHINESE TEAM.

There was a happy gathering of members and officials of the different Chinese sports clubs at the Kum Ling Restaurent last night, at a dinner party given by the Hongkong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation in honour of the Chinese footballers who are going to Singapore on Sunday, on the s.s. Takliwa, to play a number of games with the Chinese in the Straits Settlements.

Mr. Luk Ngoi-wan presided, others attending including Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, the new Hon. Chairman of the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation, and Messrs. Ng Sze-kwong, Hin Wong, H. K. Mok, K. L. Chau, J. S. Shak, S. W. Ko, and representatives of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Chinese Recreation Club, Chinese Athletic Association, South China Athletic Association, Ching Woo Athletic Association, the Fukien Athletic Association, Ying Wah College, Chinese Bathing Club, and others.

The departing football team, with Mr. H. K. Mok and Mr. H. K. Lee as its managers and Mr. J. S. Shak as its secretary, is composed of the following well-known players, selected from the Chinese Athletic Association and South China Athletic Association.—Messrs. Lo Wei-man, Shek Pui-tim, Li Hung-ching, Ho Wei-yin, Ho Kn-keung, Chan Shek-pui, Tse Kwei-sing, Wong Shui-wah (Chinese Athletic), and Messrs. Fung King-cheung, Leung Wing-tak, Ip Pak-wa, Chu Kwok-lun, Leung Yin-chen, Leung Wing-chui, Li Tin-sang (South China).

HOME RACING.

THE RESULT OF THE TWO THOUSAND GUINEAS.

London, May 1.

The result of the Two Thousand Guineas, run at Newmarket over one mile, was as follows:

Mr. Jinks ..... 1.
Cragadour ..... 2.
Gay Day ..... 3.

Twenty-two ran, and the race was won by a head, with one and a half lengths between second and third.

Betting was 5 to 2 Mr. Jinks, 4 to 1 Cragadour, and 20 to 1 Gay Day.—*Reuter.*

LEAGUE TENNIS.

KOWLOON C. C. TEAMS FOR SATURDAY.

The following have been selected to represent the K.C.C. in their League fixtures on Saturday.

"A" Division.—Versus the S.C.A.A. on the S.C.A.A. ground, King's Park, at 4 p.m.—E. C. Fincher and E. F. Fincher, S. E. Green and Thomas Lay, C. E. Millard and F. Grose.

"B" Division.—Versus the H.K.C.C. on the K.C.C. ground at 4.30 p.m.—A. E. Guest and L. Jack, W. M. Gittins and A. Mackintosh, Geo. Lee and F. Hambly.

PITCHED BATTLE IN BERLIN.

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it is notable that at least 2,283 precautionary arrests were made in the course of the day.

Special Newspaper Seized.

The police also seized every available copy of a newspaper *Le Premier Mai* which to-day replaced the well-known extremist paper *Humanite.—Reuter.*

Moscow, May 1.

Half a million people participated in the May Day demonstrations, the feature of which was a march past the tomb of Lenin.—*Reuter.*

Antwerp, May 1.

A Communist meeting was broken up in consequence of a dispute between supporters of Stalin and adherents of Trotsky. The police made two arrests.—*Reuter.*

Canton Quiet.

Canton, May 1.

Labour Day passed off very quiet indeed. There have been no big demonstrations. A few guilds staged parades in the eastern part of the city; but these were very small and gave no trouble whatsoever.

Officially, Labour Day was not recognised as a holiday this year, and all the Government Departments worked as usual.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

Berlin Trouble.

Berlin, May 1.

May Day opened with nervous expectancy, the police being massed everywhere to frustrate Communist attempts to provoke encounters, a foretaste of which had been given in the past few days in skirmishes between the police and "Red front fighters."

Preliminary precautions consisted of the removal of all potential "ammunition" in the shape of bricks used for building operations, flagstones and other material employed in road repairs.

The streets all day were normal except for many police patrols, ready to check immediately any attempts by Communists to disobey the decree forbidding Labour Day demonstrations. The Wilhelmstrasse and President Hindenburg's residence were strongly guarded. No assembly of the people was allowed within a mile thereof.

At some of the big factories only a small percentage of the workers appeared.

Elsewhere in Germany events passed off quietly, except at Breslau, where Communists attacked the police and several arrests were made.—*Reuter.*

A Quiet Day in Japan.

Tokyo, May 1.

The May Day celebrations in Yokohama and Tokyo were quiet, though a hundred participants here were arrested, and include five reactionaries who were caught distributing handbills denouncing the Labour demonstrations.—*Reuter.*

NEW MOTOR ROAD PROPOSED.

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Drainage Works.

$24,000 for general works, drainage, sewage and storm water drains in Hongkong.

To carry out drainage works rendered necessary to development of new sites and erection of new buildings a supplementary vote is urgently required. In the Public Works Department's draft estimates for 1929 a sum of $50,000 was requested to meet the cost of drainage works during the current year but this was reduced by the Estimates Committee to $30,000. Owing to improved conditions this sum has proved inadequate. There will be a saving on this year's Estimates on the vote for the Sai Ying Pun new market from which this sum can be met as owing to shortage of staff in the Architectural Department it will not be possible to expend the full amount voted for the market this year.

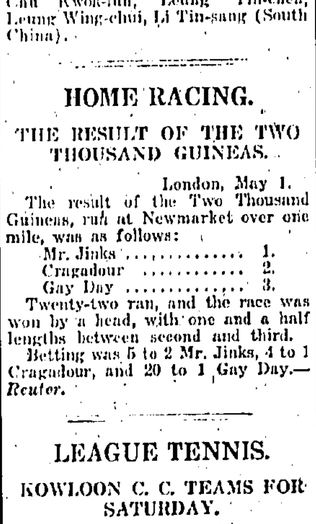
The above is to be met from savings under Sai Ying Pun New Market.

Marine Surveyors' Training.

$11,582 for training expenses of two Government Marine Surveyors in England and expenses of Assistant Government Marine Surveyors in connexion with Board of Trade training course.

When the Estimates were prepared it was only anticipated two men would be under training in 1929 but there are now five, these being Messrs. W. O. Lambert, T. C. Stiff, J. Hunter, W. Sprange and S. Ashworth.

Through the courtesy of the committee of the Kowloon Football Club, the Sacred Heart College will hold their fifth annual athletic sports on the Club's ground next Saturday, commencing at 12 noon. The prizes for the 1929 meet are exhibited at the Eastern Store, Nathan Road, Kowloon.



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MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

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the best of those sent to me for review, each month.

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Some time ago Victor recorded Ravel's "La Valse," played by a Symphony Orchestra under Albert Coates, and it has now been recorded by Columbia (on four sides instead of three), the interpretation being that of Philippe Gaubert, with the orchestra of the Concert Society of the Paris Conservatoire. While being modern it is not *too* modern, and it brings in the haunting strains of an old-time Viennese waltz. In France it is the most admired of all Ravel's works. Hearers should not be "put off" by the beginning, which is rather difficult to understand. It starts pianissimo in waltz-rhythm but without melody; gradually 'the lights go up' and the work becomes a phantasy of a ball-room scene. It is not a conventional waltz but represents the symbol of one, as the title suggests; it has been styled 'a hymn in praise of rhythm.' I recommend gramophiles to play it through three times at least before deciding that the work is 'beyond them.' The Victor version goes with more swing but in the Columbia one the individual instruments can be heard better; either rendering can be thoroughly recommended.

The best piano records of the month—dealing for the moment with Columbia—are those of Harriet Cohen, playing the first eight Preludes and Fugues of Bach. Bach means much to some people and to others he is incomprehensible or represents little more than complicated finger exercises. Bach-lovers will revel in this album of well-recorded works—the pianist's soft touch is admirably reproduced—and others need not waste their time over it. Liszt's *Waldesrauschen* (Forest Murmurs) is well played by Howard Jones, but unfortunately Liebestraum is on the other side. Why do pianists continue to play pieces that have been recorded again and again by artists equally good, if not better?

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The best vocal record is that of Doris Vane singing "One Fine Day" and "Mimi's Aria," in English. When these two Puccini arias were sung at the Helena May Institute in February, it was remarked that the translations were much better than the usual renderings of operatic works in English. Doris Vane uses the same translations as were heard on that occasion.

Two good humorous records are "The Chairman's Remarks" and "Mr. Potter visits Southend" (a re-order), and one of the best dances is "The Five Step," a fox-trot with a curious syncopation.

A disc of the King's speech at Gatehead is kept at Anderson's for demonstration purposes; fifty discs are on order and they will probably sell rapidly.

Those who want to revel in nineteenth century music hall ditties should buy the two Regal records "An Old Time Music Hall" which include the remarks made by the manager as well as vociferous applause from a regular Saturday-night audience.

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The Victor Co. have brought out four more Masterpiece albums, of which the most delightful is probably the C Minor Sonata of Grieg, played by Rachmaninoff and Kreisler. Apart from his piano concerts and the Peer Gynt Suite this is perhaps the most popular of his works: each of the movements is a gem in itself and brimful of melody. The reproduction of the piano tone is up to the usual standard of Rachmaninoff records and the ensemble of these two great artists is perfect. No pianist plays more clearly and flawlessly than Backhaus, and in the Twenty-four Chopin Studies his amazing technique is faithfully reproduced, every note being heard. They represent virtuosity which cannot be surpassed, but whether the renderings are imbued with the true Chopin spirit, such as Godowsky imports to his works, is another matter. From the point of view of technique, these records are marvellous. The Twelve Studies, Op. 10, were supplied by H. M. V. some time ago and can be purchased separately. Unfortunately Victor have put the Op. 25 set on the back of Op. 10 numbers, so that those who want Op 25 by itself should order them by H. M. V. who have just published them in London.

There is a good Tschaikowsky Overture issued this month and two effective choruses from La Traviata will make an appeal.

Of all the numerous fox-trots and waltzes played by the various American dance-bands, I would select the following—and these I recommend for tunefulness, rhythm and least mutilation of the melody by saxophone gymnasts—"Deep Night" and "Weary River" (on one disc), "I got a Woman crazy for me, She's funny that way" and, "My Lucky Star."

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A Sonata Recital is advertised for Tuesday next at the City Hall at 9.15 p.m. The programme consists of three violin and piano sonatas by local composes, Lt. Col. Cardew, Capt. Macnair (who plays the violin parts) and Harry Ore, the pianist. There are also four songs of Lt.-Col. Cardew on the programme, sung by Mrs. Womack. Admission is $2, the beneficiary of the concert being the well-deserving Harry Ore, who perseveres in giving concerts here in spite of some disappointing results in the past. In view of the unusual nature of the programme and the fact that the composers will be performing, it is expected that the attendance will be very good.

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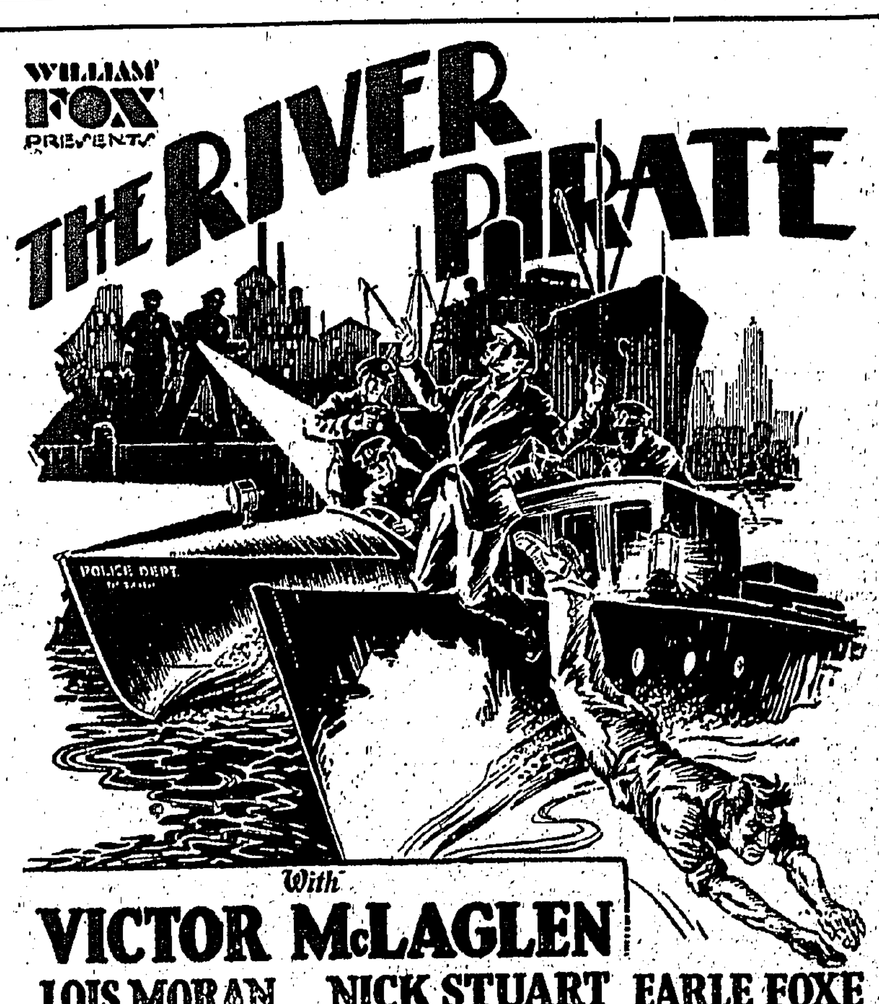

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THE BLACK PIGEON.

By Anne Austin.

CHAPTER XXI.

"Hello, Dr. Nielson! McMann speaking," the detective sergeant greeted the medical examiner on the other end of the wire. "What's the dope? . . . . Fine! And can you tell me any more definitely when death occurred ..... Hm! Close enough, I guess! Let's see—that places the murder between two and four o'clock Saturday, eh? . . . Thanks, doc!"

McMann hung up the receiver and faced the couple who waited, scarcely breathing. "Well, Hayward, I don't think you'll be surprised to learn that the bullet which killed Harry Borden was the regulation bullet for a Colt's .38 caliber automatic. Anything to say now, my lad?"

"Nothing—except that I did not kill Borden and have no idea who did," Jack Hayward answered steadily.

"Mr. McMann, please don't forget that my gun was exactly like Mr. Hayward's—a Colt's .38, and that it, too, is missing," Ruth begged earnestly. "Can't you see that if Jack had—had killed Mr. Borden he would not have disposed of my gun as well as his own, because he would know that the absence of my pistol would make suspicion fall on me?"

Again that gleam of admiration in the detective's grim grey eyes. "Covey, this is Colby Lester's daughter," he remarked, with a grin, to his subordinate. "A chip off the old block, eh? . . . Now, Miss Lester, there's just one more question for the present: did you yourself dispose of your pistol, either before the crime on Saturday, so that it would not be available if Hayward forced his way into these offices and quarrelled with Borden, or this morning after your discovery of the body, to confuse the investigation with two missing pistols? Just a minute, please! I'm asking that question of the daughter of Colby Lester, the finest and most honourable criminal lawyer it has ever been my privilege to know."

Colour swept from Ruth's throat to the fringe of curls on her forehead as she drew her small body very erect and faced McMann with wide, unflinching blue eyes. "Mr. McMann, I swear on the name of my dead father, who taught me truth and honour—I did not touch the gun, I did not remove it, for any reason whatsoever, from my desk, and I do not know where it is!"

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M'Mann gazed keenly into her eyes as she swore her solemn oath, then beckoned Covey to his side. The two men conversed in whispers for a minute or two, while Ruth and Jack retreated, hand in hand, toward the front windows.

"Well—12 o'clock! Time for lunch!" McMann surprised them both by booming out cheerfully. "I'd like you to be back by one, if convenient, Miss Lester. I may need you to help me go over Borden's private papers. You may go about your business as usual, Hayward, but I'll have to ask you to hold yourself available for further questioning."

"Then I am not under arrest?" Jack asked quietly, as Ruth drew a sobbing breath of relief.

"Not yet," McMann answered curtly.

"And—and may we go to lunch together?" Ruth begged tremulously.

"Sure! Why not?" the detective grinned. "But if I were you, Hayward, I wouldn't forget to tip the waiter this time. Now clear out, both of you, and don't waste time gossiping with the reporters."

"Thank you, Mr. McMann!" Ruth cried, tears of relief quivering on her thick lashes. "I'll wait in my office for you, Jack, till you get your hat and coat."

As she was powdering her face McMann appeared in the communicating doorway and spoke to the detective stationed at Benny Smith's desk. "Phone down to the cafeteria on the corner to send me up a couple of sandwiches, some apple pie, and a cup of coffee, Birdwell. Better have them send up your own lunch, too. I'm too busy to leave here now. . . . By the way, Miss Lester, I'm afraid I'll have to ask you to stay all afternoon. You undoubtedly know more about Borden's business and personal affairs than anyone else."

"I'll be glad to stay, Mr. McMann," Ruth assured him. "I'm more anxious than you can possibly be to have this mystery cleared up."

"Have a good lunch," McMann called, almost gently, as he closed the door upon himself again.

Biggers, the patrolman stationed outside Borden's offices, proved extremely useful in holding off reporters as the girl and her sweetheart waited for the elevator, but not even he could prevent the explosion of a flashlight or two as cameras were aimed at the couple who, reporters knew, were involved somehow in the investigation of the death of "Handsome Harry" Borden.

Ruth was grateful for the presence of other passengers in the car, since Micky Moran was prevented from asking embarrassing questions. As a matter of fact, the red-headed elevator operator was a much subdued youngster, with the fear of the law heavy upon him.

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"Where shall we eat, darling?" Jack asked, when they were upon the street.

"Anywhere but the Chester Hotel," Ruth shuddered. "How about our own little tearoom? But no! We've been too happy there. Let's not go back there until we've waked up from this awful nightmare."

"Then the Colonnade is as good a place as any," Jack decided. "I want to talk, and there's no chance in this mob. Since it's a cafeteria, there won't be any waiter hanging over us," he added grimly, as he guided her through the storm doors.

A few minutes later they deposited their lightly burdened trays upon a small table in a far corner of the big, noisy room. Ruth automatically raised a spoon of vegetable soup to her lips, then repudiated it with a violent gesture.

"Oh, Jack, I can't eat! Talk to me—say something! Oh—I'm sorry! But—it's been so—so horrible!"

Jack Hayward quietly laid down his fork and reached for the girl's twisting, cold hands. "You want me to say I didn't do it, don't you, darling? Do I have to say it in so many words? Well, then, darling—I didn't kill Borden."

"Thank you, Jack!" Tears welled up in her eyes, splashed upon her pale cheeks. "If you had, I would have stood by you. You know that, don't you? But Jack, *who did?* And where is your gun? You didn't take it home, did you—to have it out of reach, in case—?"

"No!" Jack denied, his hands tight upon hers. "When you first told me this morning I thought you had done it—"

"*I?*" Ruth cried.

Jack nodded, his eyes pleading with her to forgive him. "From some hysterical things you said about its being your fault—"

"I meant it was my fault that *you* had killed him," she interrupted. "I had discovered that your gun was missing. I didn't know mine was, too. I thought you had quarrelled with him when you came back Saturday afternoon, and had shot him before you realized what you were doing. And I knew that if you had, it was my fault, for having screamed and hurt my lip against the door. But tell me again, darling, that you didn't!"

Jack frowned and withdrew his hands, and Ruth knew that he was hurt and angry at her insistence. "I did not kill Borden, Ruth. I don't know who did. I wish to God I did know."

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"Thank you, darling," she repented, smiling at him eagerly and not casting a glance toward the man who had followed them along the food counters and taken his seat at the next table.

There was no need to look; she knew that his apparently uninterested gaze was upon her and Jack Hayward, that, although he was not close enough to have heard their low-voiced conversation, he had "listened" nevertheless. For Ruth had recognized in their shadow a man who had testified in one of Colby Lester's cases, for the prosecution—a detective who was a trained lip reader. So that was why McMann had permitted her and Jack to lunch together! He had hoped to get a confession in this way, since all other means had failed.

If Jack had been guilty—Ruth shuddered to think of the desperate chance she had taken when, knowing that the "shadow" was reading every word that fell from their lips, she had dared lead Jack into declaring his guilt or innocence. But it was innocence, thank God! McMann might not be convinced, would not be, of course, but she was. . . . No chance now to explain to Jack, or everything would be spoiled.

"Aren't you going to eat?" Jack asked, a little stiffly.

She smiled at him, brilliantly, through tears. "I'm not very hungry, but I'll eat one bite for every bite you take. And when we've finished, we'll talk about the house we're going to build in Grandbury. No more murder talk now, darling! We're too wrought up. All that matters is that you didn't do it and I didn't, and we love each other. . . . Oh, Jack, I do love you so, even if you are a hot-headed, detective-baiting young idiot! Come, now! Bite for bite!"

When they had finished their lunch, Ruth, smiling to herself at the lip-reading shadow's undoubted annoyance, insisted on taking Jack to see a department store's display of modernistic furniture, refusing all the while, with almost hysterical gayety, to discuss the murder or any scrap of evidence that had developed in the morning's investigation.

In the elevator she had a chance to whisper an explanation to her bewildered fiance, for the lip-reading shadow had not boarded the car with them: "We were followed, darling. I had to make you repeat your assurances to me for the benefit of the detective. We mustn't forget that McMann is clever."

Loving admiration routed the shadow of resentment from Jack's eyes. "You're worth two of him—Colby Lester's daughter!"

They parted at the door of Borden's offices, Jack to go to his own suite, where his comings and goings would undoubtedly be under closest supervision.

As Ruth entered her office Birdwell hung up the telephone receiver and announced to McMann, who stood in the communicating door: "Clay's got the Dubois woman. Says he'll have her here in 15 minutes."

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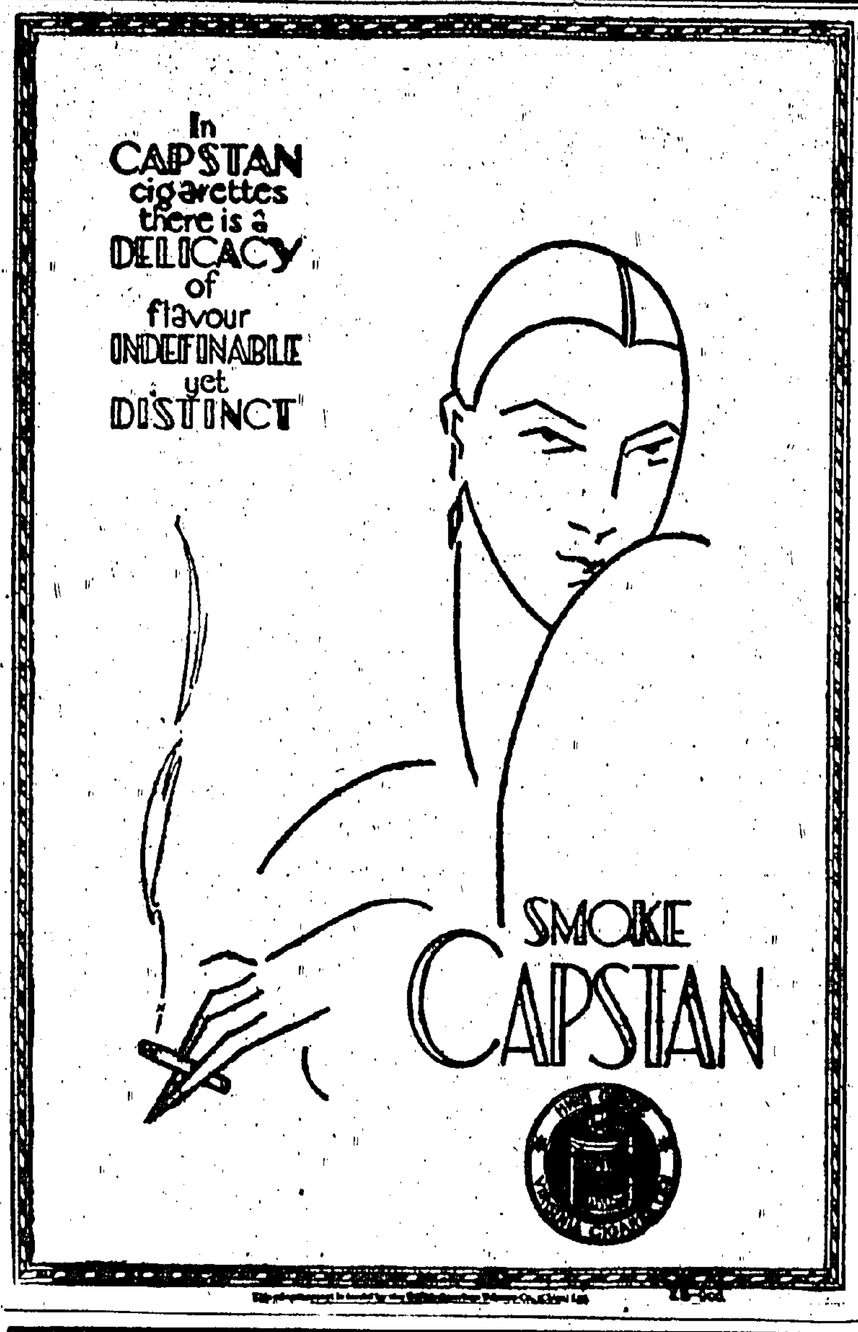

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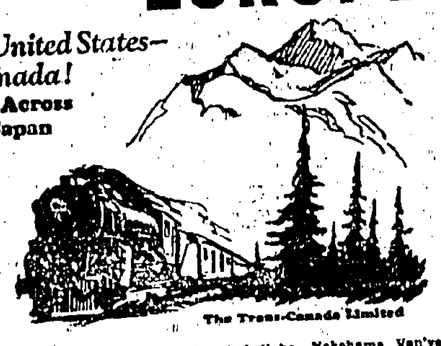

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EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Oct. 9	Oct. 12	Oct. 15	Oct. 17	Oct. 26
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Oct. 30	Nov. 2	Nov. 5	Nov. 7	Nov. 16
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According to the offending statistics Germany spends 4.3 milliard marks (£215,000,000) a year on alcoholic beverages, which as the teetotalers correctly observe is a sum equivalent to one and a half times a standard Dawes annuity.

This disclosure, says a Nationalist Professor of Law in the "Rhineland Inn-keepers' Gazette," is a misdemeanour "bordering on high treason and must be made the subject of a criminal prosecution."

It is further estimated (not by the teetotalers) that in German cabarets and other places of amusement twenty million bottles of champagne and fifty to sixty million bottles of other wines are consumed a year.

Theatres' Turnover.

After making all allowances for the purchases of rich foreign revellers, it still remains plain that "impoverished" Germany has plenty to spend on other things than bare necessities. It is estimated, for instance, that the annual turnover of theatres, cinemas and other places of entertainment is in the neighbourhood of £125,000,000. They pay 35,000 musicians an annual wage bill of £11,000,000 and other artists a further £16,750,000.

Five thousand cinemas with a total seating accommodation of one and three-quarter millions, consume annually 25 milliard kilowatt hours of current, which would be sufficient to light all the streets in Berlin for a generation. Turning to hotels, restaurants, cafes and inns it would be an exaggeration to class these as places of amusement on a par with theatres and cinemas, but they certainly represent to a considerable extent what may be termed "luxury" expenditure.

Their gross turnover, which doubtless includes a large proportion of the already mentioned alcohol consumption, is estimated to stand at about £600,000,000, and no less than £2,500,000 is spent annually on the music in the cafes alone. A good deal of this expenditure no doubt comes from the pockets of the more well-to-do classes.

The increase of savings banks deposits, however, proves that the poorer class, whatever they may spend, are in a position to save substantial sums. The deposits in State savings banks rose from £262,200,000 at the end of January 1928, to no less than £370,650,000 a year later.

Taking a rough estimate that one-third of the deposits are for amounts of one thousand marks or less this increase means that in a single year about £10,000,000 was put aside in the savings banks by the poorest class of depositor.

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LLOYD TRIESTINO NAVIGATION COMPANY.

The Chartered Steamship,
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All goods are being landed at consignees' risk into the non-hazardous, hazardous and/or extra hazardous godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

All damaged cargo will be examined by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas on 1st May, 1929, at 10 a.m.

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All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined by Messrs. Anderson and Ashe on the 6th May, 1929, at 10 a.m.

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A circular dated May 1, signed by Lord Inchcape, Chairman of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, addressed to exportors in Japan, China and Hongkong, states in part:

To those exporters from Japan (including Formosa), China (including Manchuria) and Hongkong to Europe, who from the 1st May to the 31st October next may have found it to their interest to confine their support and shipments, including those of associated or subsidiary firms, both directly and indirectly, during that period, to the "P. & O. S. N. Co.," we shall be happy to allow a rebate of five per cent. on the freights contributed.

To those who, on the 30th April, 1930, may have found it to their interest to confine their support and shipments, including those of associated or subsidiary firms, both directly and indirectly, during the previous twelve months to the said line, we will allow a further five per cent. on freights contributed up to 31st October, 1929.

To those who, on the 30th April, 1930, may have found it to their interest to confine their support and shipments, including those of associated or subsidiary firms, both directly and indirectly, during the preceding six months to the said line, we will allow a rebate of five per cent. on the freights contributed.

To those who, on the 31st October, 1930, may have found it to their interest to so confine their support and shipments, including those of associated or subsidiary firms, both directly and indirectly, during the previous twelve months to the said line, we will allow an additional five per cent. on freights contributed during the six months ending 30th April, 1930.

Full cargoes of Lumber from Japan, and shipments of Beans, Beancake, Seeds, Buckwheat, Millet, Beanmeal, Maize, Wheat, Kaoliang, Bean and Cotton Seed Oil which are the produce of Manchuria, and Rice will not invalidate claims for the above and no "returns" will be payable on Freight contributed thereon, or upon freight contributed by Silk and Treasure, or any cargo, the freight upon which may be arranged at a "net" rate.

Exporters applying for returns, which will be payable (in London) on and after the 1st January, 1930, 1st July, 1930, and 1st January, 1931, respectively, must fill up and sign forms which can be obtained from the Agents.

Exporters failing to apply for returns within three months after the conclusion of each rebate period forfeit their claim thereto.

"FLAPPER VOTE."

WOMEN VOTERS PREDOMINATE.

London, May 1.

The importance of the "flapper vote" in the General Election is indicated in the first batch of voters' lists.

Women outnumber the men in 104 of 116 returns, hitherto, of 615 constituencies.—*Reuter.*

VACCINATION ORDER.

NAVAL RATINGS TO UNDERGO THE PRECAUTION.

London, May 1.

All naval ratings not vaccinated within the last five years have been ordered to be vaccinated, in view of the prevalence of smallpox.—*Reuter.*

APPOINTMENTS.

CHEN YI TAKES OVER MINISTRY OF WAR.

Shanghai, May 1.

A message from Nanking says that in the absence of Lu Chung-lin, acting Minister of War, Chen Yi, Director of the Soldier and Labour Corps Dept., will take charge of the War Ministry.

A reliable report from Nanking states that Chen Tiao-yuan, the Chairman of the Anhwei Provincial Government, is being transferred to the Chairmanship of the Shantung Provincial Government. It is further stated that Chen Tiao-yuan has been instructed to advance his forces from Pengpu northwards to garrison Tsinan after the Japanese evacuation.—*Reuter.*

Withdrawal This Week.

Shanghai, May 1.

A message from Tsinan says that approximately 10,000 of Fong Chen-wu's troops have reached the northern bank of the Yellow River within five miles from Tsinan. General Fong Chen-wu, who is still at Tehchow, has telegraphed to the State Council for instructions.

The Japanese withdrawal is expected within forty-eight hours.—*Reuter.*

WATER SHORTAGE.

THE DRYEST PERIODS ON RECORD.

Some interesting statistics, giving a comparison of the rainfall during the eleven months June-April in the dryest periods on record, have been furnished by the Director of the Royal Observatory. The lowest rainfall for the period was in 1901-2 and this year comes second, with nine inches more.

	Average 1884-1928 Inch	Rainfall 1895-1896 Inch	Rainfall 1901-1902 Inch	Rainfall 1928-1929 Inch
June	10.699	4.970	2.385	15.180
July	14.415	18.870	8.585	4.780
Aug.	14.396	6.125	14.000	12.910
Sept.	9.690	8.965	8.890	8.915
Oct.	4.989	0.600	2.505	0.485
Nov.	1.742	0.325	0.770	0.815
Dec.	1.027	0.200	0.885	0.020
Jan.	1.228	1.730	0.285	0.030
Feb.	1.881	7.945	0.020	0.585
Mar.	2.946	1.445	0.460	0.505
Apr.	5.646	2.100	1.845	1.540
Total 11 months	73.653	48.175	32.550	41.565

CHANG CHUNG-CHANG.

TRAVELLING IN DISGUISE ON A JUNK.

Tokyo, May 1.

A message from Dairen says Chang Chung-chang arrived in disguise, on a junk off Port Arthur at dawn to-day, and attempted to land, but the Japanese police forbade it.

As the Kwantung authorities are refusing him asylum, and landing in the Chinese littoral will mean certain execution, Chang Chung-chang plans to go to Japan, where it is believed the authorities will permit his residence under surveillance.

Chang Chung-chang's lieutenant, Wu Kuang-hsin, has already been allowed to land at Moji.—*Reuter.*

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

BOAT, BOAS, BOGS, BAGS, BARS, OARS.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

NANKING AND HANKOW AGREEMENTS.

Tokyo, May 1.

Final approval has been given to the drafts of the Nanking and Hankow agreements, and Mr. Yoshizawa has been instructed to sign.

At the same time preliminary negotiations on the question of concluding a new commercial treaty to replace the treaty abrogated last July have progressed so favourably that the Foreign Office states that all misunderstandings and ill-feelings engendered by China's action, have now been removed. The signing of the Nanking and Hankow agreements will thus mark the removal of the last of the outstanding questions which were causing such strained relations between the two countries in the last few years, and appears to herald a new epoch in Chinese and Japanese relations.

Questioned regarding the report that Japan is contemplating raising the status of the Legation to that of an Embassy, the spokesman guardedly intimated that they might consider it if the present strained relations between Feng Yu-hsiang and Chiang Kai-shek blew over and the Nanking Government was firmly established. The spokesman recalled that appropriations for establishing an Embassy were voted in 1924 but Japan had agreed to postpone the raising of the status in accordance with the wishes of other Powers.

It is understood that Mr. Yoshizawa will be returning to Tokyo shortly for the purpose of arranging the opening of formal negotiations for the new treaty with China.—*Reuter.*

FINANCIAL CRISIS.

AMERICA SEES LOWERING OF FOREIGN CREDITS.

New York, May 1.

The monthly review of the National City Bank, the largest bank in the United States, expresses the opinion that unless some solution for the present critical situation be found, foreign funds will continue to flow to the United States, lowering the rates on foreign exchanges.

The sale of foreign securities on the American market will be hampered, the purchasing power of foreign countries will be diminished, and the marketing of American agricultural and other products will become more difficult.—*Reuter's American Service.*

SWARAJIST PAPER.

TO BE ISSUED UNDER A NEW TITLE.

Calcutta, May 1.

The Swarajist newspaper *Forward*, the editor and proprietors of which were ordered to pay very heavy damages recently for libel in connexion with the Belur railway disaster last year, has discontinued publication; and will be succeeded by the *New Forward.*—*Reuter.*

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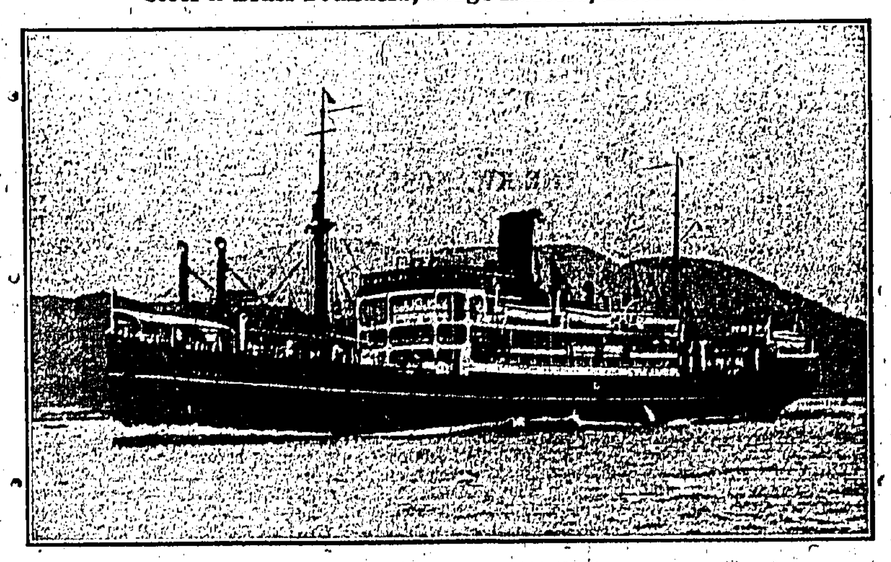

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KALYAN	9,144	11th May.	Marseilles, L'don & Hull
MOREA	10,953	25th May.	Bombay, M'les & London
†LAHORE	5,252	1st June.	Marseilles, London, A'werp, Rotterdam & Hamburg
DELTA	8,097	8th June.	Marseilles, L'don & Hull
†JEYPORE	5,318	15th June.	Marseilles, London, A'werp, Rotterdam & Hamburg
RAJPUTANA	16,568	22nd June.	Bombay, M'les & L'don
†PERIM	7,649	29th June.	Marseilles & London
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TANDA	6,956	7th May.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
DELTA	8,097	10th May.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
TALMA	10,000	13th May.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Yoko & Osaka
—·—	—·—	14th May.	Moji, Kobe & Osaka
†ROSSINGTON COURT	——	21 May.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
†GURNA	5,248	22nd May.	Moji, Kobe & Osaka
RAJPUTANA	16,568	24th May.	S'hai, Kobe & Yoko
SANTHIA	7,754	5th June.	Moji, Kobe & Osaka

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	Chaksang	Sun. 12th May at 7 a.m.
	Kwongsang	Wed. 15th May at 7 a.m.
TO OSAKA via AMOY, SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	Kutsang	Mon. 6th May at 10 a.m.
TO OSAKA via AMOY, MOJI & KOBE	Suisang	Sun. 12th May at 7 a.m.
TO STRAITS & CALCUTTA	Kumsang	Tues. 7th May at 3 p.m.
	Namsang	Mon. 20th May at 3 p.m.
TO SANDAKAN	Hinsang	Thurs. 9th May at 10 a.m.
	Mausang	Mon. 27th May at noon.
TO TIENTSIN	Chipshing	Fri. 3rd May at 7 a.m.
TO CANTON	Chaksang	Mon. 6th May at 4 p.m.

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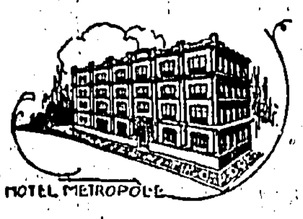
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SURPRISE SOCCER VICTORIES.

RACE IN THE SOUTHERN SECTION.

PALACE WELL PLACED.

London, May 1.

The struggle in the Third Division (South) is narrowing down and as the result of a sound victory to-day, Crystal Palace are bracketed at the head with Charlton Athletic.

Two surprise victories were registered in the First Division, both Huddersfield and Bolton winning on foreign soil.

The results, as cabled by Reuter, were:

First Division.

Bury	3	Bolton	4
Leeds Un.	1	Huddersfield	2

Division III (South).

Brighton	2	Walsall	1
Palace	3	Gillingham	0
Plymouth	2	Bristol R.	0
Swindon	5	Newport	2

Division III (North).

Doncaster	1	Wigan	2

First Division Table.

Wednesday	41	21	10	10	85	58	52
Leicester	41	20	9	12	90	66	49
Aston Villa	41	22	4	15	94	80	48
Sunderland	41	20	7	14	93	71	47
Liverpool	41	17	11	13	89	63	45
Derby	41	18	9	14	83	68	45
Manchester C.	41	18	8	15	94	85	44
Blackburn	40	17	9	14	70	61	43
Arsenal	40	15	12	13	73	69	42
Newcastle	41	18	6	17	68	72	42
Leeds	41	16	9	16	71	83	41
Everton	42	18	4	20	64	73	40
Manchester U.	41	14	12	15	66	76	40
Bolton	41	14	12	15	72	74	40
Sheffield U.	41	14	11	16	82	85	39
Huddersfield	41	14	10	17	69	60	38
Birmingham	41	14	10	17	67	77	38
West Ham	41	15	8	18	85	95	38
Burnley	40	15	6	19	77	99	36
Portsmouth	41	15	5	21	56	80	35
Bury	41	12	6	23	59	96	30
Cardiff	41	8	12	21	42	58	28

Southern Section Table.

Charlton	41	22	8	11	84	60	52
Crystal Pal.	41	22	8	11	80	67	52
Northampton	41	20	11	10	95	50	51
Queens P.R.	41	19	13	9	81	60	51
Fulham	41	20	10	11	100	71	50
Plymouth	41	19	12	10	81	51	50
Luton	41	19	10	12	88	72	48
Watford	40	19	9	12	76	68	47
Bournemouth	41	19	9	13	83	75	47
Coventry	41	14	13	14	61	56	41
Southend	41	15	11	15	79	73	41
Swindon	41	14	13	14	73	72	41
Brentford	41	14	10	17	56	59	38
Walsall	41	13	12	16	73	77	38
Brighton	41	16	6	19	58	75	38
Newport	41	13	8	20	67	84	34
Torquay	41	31	6	22	64	83	32
Bristol R.	41	13	6	22	59	78	32
Norwich	40	13	5	22	62	76	31
Merthyr	41	11	8	22	55	102	30
Exeter	41	9	11	21	67	86	29
Gillingham	41	9	9	23	42	83	27

The important fixtures in this division which will decide the championship on Saturday are as follows:

Palace	v.	Brighton.
Queens P.R.	v.	Luton.
Walsall	v.	Charlton.
Watford	v.	Northampton.

FINEST CLUBHOUSE IN EAST.

OPENED IN SHANGHAI YESTERDAY.

Shanghai, May 2.

The opening took place yesterday of the International Recreation Club's new premises—the finest clubhouse in the Far East.

The ceremony was performed by the President, Mr. Brodie A. Clarke, who received a gold key in an embossed casket.

Mr. Clarke delivered an appropriate speech and presented a silver cup to Mr. Chang Chun, the Mayor of Greater Shanghai.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

INDIAN AIR-LINER MISHAP.

PLANE UNDER WAY AGAIN AND IN EGYPT.

Alexandria, May 1.

The westbound air-mail liner from India to Croydon, the machine which was damaged at Bagdad yesterday, arrived here this afternoon, and will leave for England at half past four to-morrow morning.

It is hoped that the plane will pick up the time lost in effecting repairs.—*Reuter.*

FAIR TO SHOWERY.

The Royal Observatory reports that a depression is situated over South-West China. Pressure is relatively high over South Manchuria and in the vicinity of the Bonins. The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—South winds, moderate; fair to showery.

WANG-YOSHIZAWA DISCUSSIONS.

JAPAN CONSENTS TO TREATY REVISION.

NOTES EXCHANGED LAST SUNDAY.

"FRIENDLY SPIRIT."

Nanking, May 2.

It was disclosed by the Nanking Foreign Office this morning that, as the result of conversations between Dr. C. T. Wang, the Nationalist Foreign Minister, and Mr. Yoshizawa, the Japanese plenipotentiary, an important stage in the Sino-Japanese negotiations has been reached.

An early revision of the Treaty of Commerce and Navigation of 1896 is foreshadowed, which is notable as Japan is the only important Power which has hitherto declined to conclude a new Treaty.

Mutual Consent.

The Treaty of 1896 has once been declared null and void by the National Government, but the Japanese Government have taken the line that the Treaty cannot be terminated except by mutual consent and by due notice under the terms of the Treaty.

The Foreign Office this morning has issued the texts of two Notes exchanged between Dr. C. T. Wang and Mr. Yoshizawa, concerning the question of revision.

The Note from Japan is dated April 27th, and it opens by explaining in considerable detail, the Japanese stand that the old Treaty must remain valid until a new Treaty has been concluded.

Bond of Friendship.

Mr. Yoshizawa declares, however, that the Japanese Government "prompted by a desire to promote the friendly relations subsisting between the Chinese and the Japanese peoples, and to further strengthen the bonds of friendship" is prepared, if the Nationalist Government, expresses its sincere desire, to conclude a new Treaty in the friendly spirit in which the existing one was concluded.

Japan will agree to the proposal, and will jointly declare with the National Government of China, their mutual sincerity and agreement for the revision of the Treaty of 1896.

Principle of Equality.

The Foreign Minister, Dr. C. T. Wang, replying to the Note on the same day, states that he has duly noted the Japanese point of view, and declares that the National Government of China is prepared to enter into negotiations within the shortest possible time for the revision of the Treaty of 1896 on the principle of equality, reciprocity and mutual respect of sovereign rights.—*Reuter.*

It is understood that the revision of the Treaty will follow the lines of the new Sino-British and Sino-American Treaties.

Shantung Withdrawal.

With regard to the Tsinan Incident settlement, says Reuter, a message from Tokyo states that the National Government of China has submitted details of plans for the maintenance of peace and order in Shantung after the Japanese withdrawal.

The situation will not be affected, it is stated, by the withdrawal of Marshal Feng's troops from Shantung, as Nanking forces will be drafted to take their place.

The Japanese military chiefs have, therefore, decided to complete their arrangements for the withdrawal of Japanese troops from Shantung by May 27th.

The Chief of the General Staff, has informed the Emperor to this effect.—*Reuter.*

THE KWANGSI WAR.

CANTON OPINION DEAD AGAINST IT.

Canton, May 1.

The preparations for the Kwangsi expedition appear to be more and more half-hearted. Amongst the masses of the people there appears to be much more sympathy with Kwangsi than with Nanking, and in the event of higher officials, anxious only to please Nanking for their own personal advancement, forcing this anti-Kwangsi expedition on the Cantonese, there would be a possibility of an anti-Government rising here.

Certainly Chiang Kai-shek is no longer looked upon as a National hero by the masses, but rather as a schemer largely seeking his own interests and rather given to the making of empty promises.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

THE DREAM OF AN IDEALIST.

SIGNATURE OF OPTIONAL CLAUSE SCOUTED.

TREATY WITH AMERICA

London, May 1.

A motion by Lord Cecil that the time has come for the British Government to sign the optional clause in connexion with the International Court at the Hague, was rejected by 26 votes to 19 in the House of Lords to-day.

The Lord Chancellor, in declining to accept the motion, said that to sign might be the dream of an idealist, but it could hardly be the act of a responsible statesman.

He hoped, he said, that the time would come when it would be possible for the British Empire to accept compulsory jurisdiction by the Hague Court, but the Government was unable to accept the motion in the teeth of the resolutions at the Imperial Conference of 1926, when the Anglo-American Arbitration Treaty was the most urgent problem of the kind with which we had to deal, and when the question of reservations necessary as regards the Optional Clause was not discussed or agreed with the Dominions.

The Lord Chancellor added that the proposals of the Anglo-American Arbitration Treaty were now being discussed with the Dominions, and it would be one of the first duties of the Government after the General Election to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion, a course which the Dominions agreed to be desirable before embarking upon the signature of the Optional Clause.—*Reuter.*

BLASTING DANGER.

FAILURE TO GIVE GONG WARNING.

An agent in the employ of Lam Dore, the local contractor, appeared before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on a charge of blasting stones at on the hillside at Hok Un without beating a gong.

The defendant pleaded guilty.

Sub-Inspector James said there were certain mitigating circumstances in the case. At 4.45 p.m. on April 13, blasting was carried out with the necessary precautions, but at 5 p.m. further operations were carried out without any gong being beaten. The workmen had told the police that they thought the beating of the gong in the previous blasting was sufficient.

It was pointed out that gongs had to be beaten during every blasting operation.

Continuing, Sub-Inspector James said that the site was about 80 or 90 yards from the main road and there was little chance of any fragments being thrown that far. It was necessary, however, that precautions should be taken.

His Worship:—You would not describe it as reckless blasting?

Sub-Inspector James:—No. Of course, everything is reckless where they fail to take the precautions demanded by law.

The defendant was fined $30.

JAPAN'S AMBASSADOR TO RUSSIA.

FORMER HONGKONG CONSUL RESIGNS.

Tokyo, May 2.

It is officially announced that Mr. Tokichi Tanaka has resigned the Ambassadorship to Russia, on the grounds of ill-health.

His successor has not yet been decided upon.—*Reuter.*

Mr. Tanaka has been Ambassador to Russia since 1925. He formerly served as Consul in Singapore, Hongkong and Seattle, was an Embassy Councillor at Washington. He was Director of the Trade Bureau in 1922, and Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs and Director of the Intelligence Bureau in 1922-23.

MARINE COURT.

FAILING TO OBSERVE RULE OF THE ROAD.

At the Marine Court this morning before the Hon. Commdr. G.F. Hole, R.N., the coxwains of two steam launches were charged by Sgt. Elliot with not observing the rule of the road by proceeding on the wrong side of the Southern Fairway. Both defendants pleaded guilty.

His Worship found that one defendant had two previous convictions and imposed a fine of $15 or two weeks. The other had one previous conviction and was fined $10 or one week.

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